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A FESTIVE LOOK AT
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this Christmas



Porthcawl Comprehensive School's 'Head Team' dressed as characters from The Despicable Me films for the school's charity week. Turn to page 37 for more photographs and the grand total.

£1 million revamp for town's railway station

A MAJOR investment project to improve Bridgend Railway Station has begun.

The £1m refurbishment is being funded through the National Station Improvement Programme (NSIP).

Works are expected to be completed in Spring 2018 and will include: an improved concourse area with a new information desk, improved ticket office and seating; refurbished passenger toilets including a new changing place facility; improvements to the station entrance and frontage;

improved security with new CCTV and new signage and passenger information displays.

Head of Stations for Arriva Trains Wales, Bethan Jelfs, said: "We're very excited to be starting this work which should really improve the feel of the station."

"It's excellent that we have been able to secure this investment and once completed, customers using Bridgend will notice a real difference."

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BCBC opposition groups join forces over 'tourism tax'

THE Conservatives and the independent group on Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) have joined up to demand that the council say no to any form of 'tourism tax'.

This follows a council meeting on November 1 when a jointly-agreed motion was put forward by Cllr Norah Clarke that called on BCBC to oppose any such tax.

However, the Bridgend Council Labour group put forward an alternative motion, asking for more information on the proposals – but not ruling them out – and this was voted on and passed.

The background was that Welsh Government's Finance Minister, Mark Drakeford, recently announced that he is consulting on four tax ideas, one of which could be implemented in Wales as early as next year.

Along with a proposed tax on vacant

land, a levy to pay for extra social care, and a tax on disposable plastics, Labour's Welsh Government have also proposed a Tourism Tax.

Cllr Norah Clarke, Leader of the Independent Alliance Group, said: "A proposed tax on tourist accommodation could work against this council's own tourism destination investment strategy."

"The strategy is targeted at increasing the volume and length of visitor stays across the County Borough, however a tax like this would appear to be flying directly against that."

"What is concerning is Welsh Government are giving the impression that they have already carried out some form of consultation to get to this list of four tax options. However, I can not find out how or when this happened and none of the businesses I have spoken to were consulted either."

Cllr Tom Giffard, the Welsh Conservative Group Leader on Bridgend Council said:

by PHILIP IRWIN

"It was very disappointing that the Bridgend Labour Group refused to support residents and local

businesses and instead chose to replace the motion."

"What is even more concerning however is that they seem to be suggesting that the Welsh Government have failed to properly consult with them about

their proposed Tourism Tax."

"Once they have, I hope that they will realise the importance of tourism to the area and will agree that the tax should be scrapped."

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Rotary Foundation Centennial anniversary is celebrated



Vic Crosby, Alison Sutherland, and president Wayne Morgan.



JJ Williams and Win Griffiths.

Sker WI learns all about Flat Holm

ON November 9, vice president Eunice Howell welcomed 43 members to Sker WI's monthly meeting.

During the usual mix of business and communication, members were informed of future dates for their dairies and updated on recent events.

The beetle drive held on October 23 in support of the RNLI raised a final total of £224.

Plans are well underway for this year's Christmas Fair, which will be held at Trinity Church, Porthcawl, (10am-12 noon) on Friday, November 24. There will be the usual mix of stalls, tombola, raffles and competitions.

Sker WI will also be taking part in the annual Christmas Tree Festival, to be held in All Saints Church, Porthcawl. The theme will be 'Christmas Crafts' and members were asked by Christine Beynon to get creative and let her have as many handmade tree ornaments as possible, so that the group can present another stunning

Christmas tree.

After dealing with the business section of the meeting, Eunice introduced guest speaker, Peter Sampson.

Peter gave members an insight into the enigmatic island of Flat Holm, where he is a tour guide for the many visitors who go out to the island throughout the year.

Flat Holm, or Ynys Echni, is a limestone island lying in the Bristol Channel approximately six km from Lavernock Point in the Vale. It includes the most southerly point of Wales and covers an 35 hectares with a maximum length of 630 metres. The island steeped in history - from Bronze Age man to St Cadoc and Marconi, Flat Holm has seen civilisation develop through the ages.

It has a unique sense of wilderness, remoteness and isolation and wonderful views of both Welsh and English coastlines. A designated Site of Special Scientific Interest and Local Wildlife Reserve, Flat Holm rightly deserves its reputation as 'a hidden jewel' in the Bristol Channel. Flat

Holm is partly financed by the Council of the County and City of Cardiff, but also depends on funds raised from visitors to the island and various fundraising efforts by the Flat Holm Society.

The Flat Holm Society, of which Peter is part, aims to supply volunteers to help on and off the island, raise money for various projects and help to promote the island.

They play a vital part in helping to conserve the island's rare flora and fauna and share the island's rich and fascinating history with others.

A vote of thanks was given by Margaret Scanlon.

For anyone interested in finding out more about the Flat Holm Society, visit the website

www.flatholmisland.co.uk.

This month's competition was something beginning with 'J'.

The winner was Greta Owen, in second place was Margaret Scanlon and third was Eirlys Williams.

The next meeting will be on December 14 and there will be no guest speaker, as this will be Sker WI's party night.

Christine Beynon

THE Rotary Foundation is the Rotary Club's own charity and is celebrating its centennial anniversary.

To mark this event, the Rotary Club of Bridgend held a dinner to celebrate Rotary Foundation's many achievements, especially in almost eradicating polio.

It is anticipated that the last recorded case of polio may well be in this 'Rotary year'.

The Rotary Foundation is the organisation that supports the efforts of Rotary

International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the foundation who share its vision of a better world.

The foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world".

It has one of the largest and most prestigious international fellowship programmes in the world which includes spearheading the movement to eradicate polio across the world which it launched some 40 years

ago.

Welsh rugby legend, JJ Williams was the guest speaker for the evening, who was not only a very lively and entertaining speaker but a very convivial guest, speaking to all the members and guests, most of whom seemed to be long-standing friends.

He told entertaining stories about his rugby career and also spoke about his early athletics career (narrowly missing out on a Commonwealth Games bronze medal).

In addition, he spoke about his charity work as chairman of NSPCC Bridgend, where he regularly holds events which raise £10,000 for the cause.

A highlight for many was the large screen compilation of JJ's tries, compiled by Phil Davies.

During the Foundation dinner, Vic Crosby was inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Bridgend. President Wayne Morgan invited his guest, district assistant governor Alison Sutherland, to present Vic with his Rotary pin and information literature.

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Team V2C transform Bettws sports hall



H O U S I N G Association Valleys to Coast (V2C) joined with members of Bettws Boys' and Girls' Club to re-paint their sports hall and transform the outside space of their club.

The makeover included everything from painting walls, clearing junk, spreading chippings, to filling and planting flower beds.

'Outdoor learning company' Wild Spirit helped get volunteers into the Hallowe'en spirit

by running pumpkin carving workshops; Nolan skips donated a large container which was swiftly filled with unwanted items and the club volunteer and local resident Elwyn Dunster made the patio furniture and planter beds, which helped create the finishing touch for the garden.

Rob Williams, volunteer at the club, said: "Thank you to everyone who got involved in the afternoon of volunteering, the results look brilliant and we're really pleased that important maintenance jobs were completed."

"It was great to see so many young people get involved clearing weeds and rubble, painting and landscaping. Although hard work, a great day was had by all and the club would like to thank V2C for their continuous support work and community input."

Steve Curry, V2C's community regeneration manager, commented: "We are delighted to be able to provide this support to vital projects such as Bettws Boys' and Girls' Club, which help to ensure our communities are great places to live." AS

Soroptimists in November

B R I D G E N D Soroptimists once again took part in the Remembrance Day parade in the town on November 12, where president Lily laid a poppy wreath on behalf of the club.

The Brownies Have Talent final took place on November 20 in Brackla Tabernacle Church. At the recent meeting at The Heronston Hotel,

members donated shoe boxes filled with gifts for children in eastern Europe.

The club is entering a tree again at the Christmas Tree Festival which will run from December 4-9 in Nolton Church, Bridgend.

Members have been busy for weeks making delightful decorations to depict the Meru Project which supports women

in Kenya growing their own food for their families, enabling any surplus to be sold on to raise further funds to expand production - do go along and see this.

A Christmas carol service will be held on December 13 at the Princess of Wales Chapel at 6.30pm.

Members will then adjourn to the home of president Lily for fish and chips, raising funds for the International ChoraChori Project, which involves Water Aid Appeal. EB

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 30)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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24 Fri	09.28	8.6	21.44	8.4
25 Sat	10.09	8.3	22.31	8.1
26 Sun	10.59	7.9	23.31	7.8
27 Mon			12.09	7.7
28 Tues	00.47	7.6	13.21	7.8
29 Wed	01.56	8.0	14.35	8.3
30 Thur	03.09	8.4	15.36	8.9

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Will 'nudging' owners stamp out problem of dog fouling?

AFTER being pinpointed as one of the town's major dog fouling hotspots, 15 new bins have been installed along Porthcawl seafrost.

The seafrost problems were highlighted over the summer when Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) teamed up with Dogs Trust and Keep Wales Tidy for 'The Big Scoop' initiative.

They surveyed local residents for their views and also measured the

impact of 'nudging' dog walkers towards using a special route that was lined with extra bins.

During a three-month trial period, a reported 41 per cent more people bagged and binned their dog's faeces after the bins were added to the dog walking route.

All of the new bins have been funded by Porthcawl Town Council and will be serviced by BCBC.

As well as the new seafrost bins, Porthcawl Town Council has bought dozens of extra bins to be placed where they are needed elsewhere around the

town, while older bins are also being replaced.

Nottage ward member, Cllr Norah Clarke said: "In total, we've purchased 100 bins. Sixty of them are extra bins to add to those we already have around the town, while 40 will replace older bins that have seen better days."

"Many of the new bins have already been installed, while the others will be in place soon."

"We hope these bins will make a real difference and help to stamp out dog fouling on our streets."

"Dog mess is one of

the biggest nuisances that blights public places, and is understandably the source of many complaints from Porthcawl constituents. I would urge all dog owners to please be responsible – bag it, and bin it."

BCBC was one of six local authorities from across the UK taking part in 'The Big Scoop' initiative, with around 2,000 dog walkers surveyed nationally.

Cllr Richard Young, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said:

"Both nationally and locally, the survey uncovered the frustration felt by many at the behaviour of irresponsible dog owners. It also revealed some very interesting statistics."

"For example, 35 per cent of dog owners admitted that they go to the trouble of bagging their dog's waste, but don't always bin it. We certainly see this in Porthcawl, with people leaving bags in all sorts of places, but we also have an issue with people who fail to pick up after their pets at all."

"These new bins should help, but we're relying on all dog owners to be more



One of the new bins.

responsible and play their part to keep our communities clean.

"There's also a huge misconception that only dedicated dog bins are allowed but any public bin can be used to dispose of dog mess – it's so easy, there really

should be no excuse. "I'd like to commend Porthcawl Town Council for being extremely proactive in helping to identify the dog fouling hotspots, with everyone working together to improve the situation."

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Railway station revamp on track

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"I started my career in the railway at Bridgend Station so it has always been a special place to me."

"While the work is going on we have had to set up temporary facilities but we are confident that any impact on passengers will be minimal, compared to the long term benefit of the project."

To allow for the works to be completed, a temporary ticket office and passenger toilets are to be located in the station car park and as a result, there will be a temporary reduction in car parking spaces.

To facilitate the move, the booking office was closed from November 19 and customers were advised to use the

TVMs or ticket app.

From Monday, November 20 the new temporary ticket office has been open in the main car park for passengers, alongside the new temporary toilets.

Andy Thomas, route managing director for Network Rail Wales, added: "Our railway is vital to connecting people, businesses and communities in support to economic growth for Wales and borders."

"We shall be working closely with Arriva Trains Wales on the upgrade work at Bridgend railway station which will 'enhance passenger experience' once the works have been completed."

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The High Court has appointed Hugh James and Irwin Mitchell as lead solicitors in a group action for conditions associated with employment at coke works operated by British Steel. Specifically:

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There's lots to SHOUT about!

CLARE Jenkins, chief officer of ABM Community Health Council (CHC) visited Porthcawl SHOUT Forum (PSF) on November 3 and talked about the CHC, its role as the 'Patients' Voice', contrasting it with the Welsh Government consultation paper *Services Fit for the Future*, which envisages the abolition of the CHC as constructed, replacing it with what PSF considers to be a more centralised version of the current model.

In a passionate defence of the CHC, Ms Jenkins argued for a stronger 'people's voice' across health and social care.

The hour long session was hugely appreciated, PSF recognising the time taken by speakers such as Ms Jenkins to speak to them as democratically essential and invaluable.

PSF's health officer, Lindsay Morgan, who arranged the visit, sits on the ABM CHC and keeps the forum up to date with CHC and other health issues.

He arranged a vote on the 'Services Fit for the Future' at PSF's September meeting: the

forum sent in its rejection of the proposals in the consultation.

On December 1, PSF will welcome BCBC director of communities Mark Sheppard to its monthly Trinity Church meeting, beginning at 2pm.

All are welcome.

Mr Sheppard is a rather large cog in the machinery that is BCBC, covering a multitude of subjects.

Among other subjects, the forum will be keen to discuss the 2006 regeneration programme, private landowners, any plans BCBC has for Griffin Park, and again, any plans it has to establish a 'water resource centre' in Rest Bay.

Also on the agenda will be damaged paving stones causing people to fall (a PSF survey has identified 10 already), the Square used as a car park... The list goes on, and includes the bramble-infested and unclean subway, damaged walkways on John Street caused by heavy lorries, and why New Road is being left out of regeneration, and why the humps in New Road are causing so many problems.

We hope that Mr Sheppard will have the answers.

Rod Colyer, Chairman Porthcawl SHOUT Forum.



Wunderbar says Cor Bro Ogwr

YES, it was truly a wonderful choir tour to Bridgend's twin town of Langenau, in Southern Germany, accompanied by members of the Town Twinning Association.

It was a busy week. On our first day we took part in the Reformation quinqucentenary service in the nearby Martinskirche where we were welcomed by the clergy and congregation.

During a day visit to the medieval city of Ulm, we sang two Welsh songs in the impressive Lutheran Minster, which boasts the tallest church spire in the world. This was a cappella, to the delight of the tourists visiting the Minster.

Lunch was taken in a typical Swabian restaurant in the heart of the ancient Fishermen's Quarter.

Another memorable visit was to Stuttgart, visiting Ludwigsburg Palace and as a contrast, the Mercedes Benz Museum.

For our main concert in Langenau we sang with a local choir

Liederkrantz Albeck and their junior choir, the Jugendchor.

Our soprano, Erin Alexander, had the audience on their feet with her solo items and when we all joined together to sing Mendelssohn's 'Verleih Uns Frieden', with words by Martin Luther.

That was most appropriate during the week of Remembrance and much appreciated by the audience.

We were made most welcome by the town. The local family hotel where we stayed couldn't have been more helpful.

On one evening the town Burgermeister hosted a dinner for all 53 of us with entertainment from one of its residents, Manfred Strobel, a local hurdy gurdy player. The Mayor of Langenau, Daniel Salemi, gave the opening speech.

In excellent English, he remarked that the world today is focusing on our differences, whereas we should be celebrating our similarities. The choir has always found that, wherever we travel, music is a common language.

AM backs 'Yule Love Bridgend' campaign

THE 'Yule Love Bridgend' campaign – which encourages people to spend at least £10 on Christmas presents from traders in the town – is being backed by regional AM Suzy Davies.

Urging others to do the same, the Welsh Conservative Mrs Davies, who has supported the campaign by independent businesses in preceding years, said: "It is very easy to go to an out-of-town retail centre where the big name stores are located."

"We are all short of time these days, so it is very tempting. Even so, some of the unique and unusual gifts I've bought in the town centre have been the most popular presents under the Davies' Christmas tree these last couple of years."

"With Small Business Saturday coming up as well, this is a very timely reminder that 'Yule Love Bridgend'."

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Santa's coming to Bridgend

THE Christmas countdown is underway, Rudolph is ready and the elves are busy stocking the sleigh ready for Santa to 'fly' into Bridgend town centre on Saturday, November 25 to start the festive celebrations.

The man himself will make his grand entrance at 11am with Rudolph leading the way in a parade around the town.

Children will be able to visit Santa at his grotto in Carnegie House, Wyndham Street between 12pm – 4pm before he makes his return trip to the North Pole.

While Santa is in the grotto, his reindeer will be resting outside and available for selfies.

Entry to the grotto will cost £5 and includes a gift and photo opportunity. Santa will also be there 10am – 4pm on December 2, 9 and 16 with all proceeds to be distributed to local charities by the Bridgend Lions Club.

Bookings can be made in advance at www.carnegiehouse.co.uk or at Carnegie House, Wyndham Street from 10am – 4pm each Saturday.

On November 25 there will also be a stage on Adare Street with live music, local choirs and a brass band.

Santa Claus will then join 50 angels as they parade through the town

before the big switch-on of the Christmas lights outside Barclays Bank on Dunraven Place at 4.15pm.

A Christmas craft market will also be held in the town centre from November 25 to December 2 in Caroline Street, welcoming shoppers with 20 stalls filled with lots of Christmas gifts.

Charles Smith, BCBC's cabinet member for education and regeneration, said: "It looks set to be an exciting weekend filled with lots of fun to start the seasonal festivities in style."

"I would like to thank our partners Bridgend Town Council, local traders and CF31 BID Ltd for their support in putting the events together and getting the people of Bridgend in the festive spirit this Christmas."

"Also, don't forget that shoppers can park at the Rhiw multi-storey car park with the first two hours free up until the end of March 2018."

Following the events on November 25 there will also be a 1940s Christmas parade taking place in Dunraven Place and Wyndham Street from 10am – 4pm on December 2.

The following week, Saturday December 9, there will be a 'White Christmas in Bridgend' where the public can pop along for a snow-fall from 11am – 2pm.

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Aled's autism campaign

MY autism campaign started when I learned that the Welsh Government's autism strategy would not include funding for the voluntary sector.

I decided to campaign for greater emphasis on the voluntary sector when funding services for autistic people.

As an individual living with the condition of autism, I regularly use the service offered by Autism Spectrum Connections Cymru (ASCC), so getting long-term financial support for the charity is very important to me.

During the campaign, I had press coverage from media, including the Western Mail, Penarth Times and The Glamorgan Gem to keep the campaign high profile.

Throughout the campaign, I wrote letters to the Welsh Government but received replies that just raised more questions. I asked them why they were just aiming to give the £13m available for autism to the statutory sector and I called on

them to launch a public consultation on the issue.

In order to raise money for the charity, I took part in a charity event, 'Gauntlet Games', with other supporters of ASCC, and, as a team, we raised about £600.

As a member of Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales, I was determined to strengthen the campaign with the party's support. It gave me an opportunity to combine my political work with the campaign for autism in a very effective way.

I prepared a policy for the party with members of Plaid in Penarth. I addressed the annual party conference at Caernarfon and the policy won the support of delegates from all parts of Wales. I am very pleased my campaign has been so successful and hope the Welsh Government will accept our point of view that funding should go to the voluntary as well as the statutory sector.

I believe that it is imperative that the National Assembly for Wales fully supports the proposed Welsh Autism Bill.

Aled Thomas, Penarth.

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As the year comes to a close, the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough is asking local residents to put forward their nominations of individuals, groups or businesses who are worthy of a Mayor's Citizenship Award.

The Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Cllr Pam Davies said: "This is going to be one of the highlights of my year as Mayor. I cannot wait to uncover the stories of those unsung 'heroes' who are making an impact in our local communities.

"I'm very much looking forward to meeting everyone at the awards event, but first of all I need your help.

Please get your nominations in as soon as possible and give

these special people the appreciation they deserve."

Organised by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), the awards are open to people who live in the county borough, as well as groups and businesses based locally.

Last year's winners included Stephen Lambert, the founder member of the Bridgend Mini Basketball Association, and Mair Ap Gruffydd, whose charity event 'Mair's Walk' helped to raise thousands towards lung cancer research over 10 years.

Volunteers were also recognised, including the organisers of the Comely and District Luncheon Club, which provides a two-course meal twice a week at the Comely Community Centre for old people.

Another award recipient was Mark Williams from the Ogmore Valley who set up the charity 'Fathers Reaching Out' in 2011 to offer support for fathers who were experiencing mental health issues.

Five staff from Pil Primary School – Paula Rowlands, Cheryl Jones,

Karen Flower-Robbins, Sarah Wallace and Head Teacher Neil Pryce – were presented with their Mayor's Citizenship Award after their swift actions helped to save the life of a 10-year-old pupil who had suffered a cardiac arrest in the foyer of the school.

The deadline for the Mayor's Citizenship Award nominations is Friday, January 26 and the award winners will be invited to an event hosted by the Mayor at the Civic Offices in Bridgend in March 2018.

Visit the Mayor's pages at www.bridgend.gov.uk to download a nomination form and find out more about the awards.

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Consultation on Welsh major trauma network plan is launched

PUBLIC consultation to develop a major trauma network for south Wales (which includes south and west Wales and south Powys) is now underway.

The consultation period will run for 12 weeks, until 9am on February 5, 2018. During this time, the proposals will be made available for the public to review at a series of local public meetings across the region. The times and venues for these events will be publicised locally through the region's Health Board websites.

Major trauma refers to multiple or serious injuries that may result in disability or death. Injuries can include serious head injuries, multiple injuries caused by road traffic accidents, industrial accidents, falls, mass casualty events and knife and gunshot wounds.

While numbers of people suffering major trauma in the region are small, evidence shows that if you have a major

trauma you have a better chance of survival, a better recovery and quality of life for the future, if you are treated within a major trauma network.

The detailed proposals are contained in the public consultation document 'A Major Trauma Network for South and West Wales and South Powys' which will be widely available across the region and available to anyone who requests a copy.

The proposed major trauma network follows recommendations made by an independent clinical Panel which include:

A major trauma network for the region should be quickly developed; The adult and children's major trauma centre should be on the same site; The major trauma centre should be at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff; Morriston Hospital should become a large trauma unit and should have a lead role in the major trauma network.

More information can be downloaded from www.publichealthwales.org/majortraumaconsultation where there is also the opportunity to respond on the proposals.

COLWINSTON REMEMBERS...



A SERVICE of Remembrance was held in St Michael's Church to remember all who served in wars around the world.

Colwinston is one of the UK's 'Thankful Villages' where all 23 men returned safely from the First World War. Four men lost their lives in the Second World War and their names are on the War Memorial on the village green along with the Thankful Village plaque. The names of all these men were read out by Heather Maclehoose during the service.

Tom Jose, trumpeter, played *Last Post* and the *Rouse*. Hymns were sung by a packed congregation; Christine Williams, representing the WI and the Mother's Union, read an extract from the poem *Rouge Bouquet*; Jackie Murphy, a leader of the Colwinston Brownies, read the lesson from Ecclesiastes and Rev Alan Kettle gave a short address before offering prayers of remembrance.

Wreaths were laid at the War Memorial after the service by many village organisations.

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WI learns how Mrs Thatcher tackled inequality in Westminster

IT may have been a cold dark evening, but that didn't discourage most of Southerndown WI members from attending the November meeting.

The newly-installed noticeboard displayed photographs from the recent Link meeting, along with photographs taken during coffee mornings and information about forthcoming events.

President Lyn informed members they would be meeting members from the Link

WIs at the carol service in St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major on Friday, December 1 at 7.30pm.

The Christmas meal is planned for the evening of December 7 and a special Christmas coffee morning will take place on Monday, December 11 from 10.30 am in All Saints Church, Southerndown, when there will be music and refreshments. Chris reminded everyone of the arrangements for the theatre trip to Cardiff.

The speaker for the evening was Sue Moll, who gave a talk about her time working in the

Houses of Parliament – a very topical subject!

Sue joined the clerks department on leaving university, and spent more than 10 years finding her way around the eight-acre site with its 1,100 rooms.

The clerks are the people who can be seen sitting in front of the speaker and their role is to provide advice on procedural matters.

They are also involved in the Division Lobbies when votes are taken, and to be effective in this role, they need to be able to recognise all the MPs – a challenging task

following a General Election!

The most fascinating part of her talk related to the fact that when she joined the staff at the Houses of Parliament, there were very few women employed – and the facilities were not quite as would be expected nowadays.

At that time, the House would frequently sit until the early hours of the morning and rooms were provided for the (male) employees so they could stay overnight. Eventually rooms were found to accommodate the female employees, but these rooms were in the clock tower – with chimers every 15 minutes, there was no chance that they would sleep late in the morning!

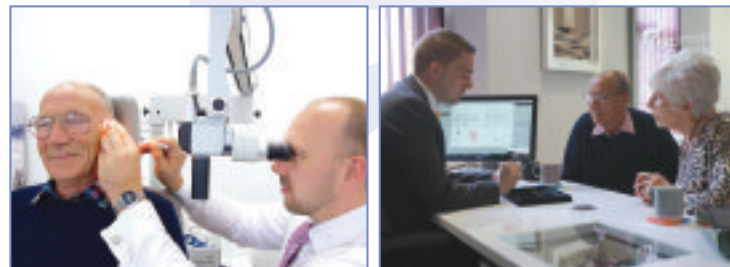
The men also had showers available for them and, on discovering that showers were not available for the women, a female MP made the necessary arrangements for the women to have the same facilities as the men – her name was Margaret Thatcher.

The November coffee morning will be held at Jenny's house in St Brides Major on Friday, November 24 from 10.30am and the next meeting will be on Thursday, December 14 at 7.15pm in the Church Hall on Southerndown Road, St Brides Major, when there will be a festive theme with music and games.



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Out with the old Christmas tree – and in with the new one!

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**THE Vale Council
ordered a
replacement
Christmas tree for
King Square in
Barry after the
original one was
criticised for being
less than full-
bodied.**

Passers-by had
mocked it for lacking
branches.

In just a couple of
days, on Saturday,
November 25, the new
tree will take centre
stage when the town's
festive lights are
switched on at 5pm.

This weekend also
sees a Christmas market
being held by Holton
Road Traders and the
opening of the Ice
Central rink in Central
Park.

The rejected tree drew
merriment on social
media.

On Facebook, one
man commented:
"Where did they find
that? Is the council
trying to save money by
getting a tree with less
branches?"

Another contributor
said: "Has it gone to the
incinerator? A gift from
the council."

Vale Council cabinet
member for regeneration

and planning Cllr
Jonathan Bird said as
soon as the original was
lifted into position, staff
realised it was not up to
scratch.

"The Barry town
centre Christmas tree
arrived on Thursday
morning and once put on
display, it was clearly
not of sufficient
standard.

"The council took the
immediate step to
remove the tree and the
suppliers are sending for
a replacement."

A more luxuriant
Christmas tree duly
arrived.

Plaid Cymru
councillor for the centre
of Barry, Cllr Ian
Johnson, said: "When I
crossed King Square on
Thursday morning last
week, the Vale Council
had erected a rather sad
looking tree and
removed it before I
crossed the square again
at lunchtime.

"I am surprised that
nobody realised there
was a problem before it
was put up at full height.

"The Christmas lights
switch-on at Holton
Road is a big event in
the Barry calendar and
it's only right that there
is a tree worthy of the
occasion."

CCTV 'should be compulsory' AM

**A FARMER'S wife,
who is also an
Assembly member,
is urging Welsh
Government to sign
up to Welsh
Conservative policy
by making the
installation of
CCTV cameras in
all abattoirs
compulsory.**

Suzi Davies, who is a
Welsh Conservative
Regional AM for South
Wales West, said she was
delighted that the UK
Government had
followed their Welsh
party lead and hoped that
the Welsh Labour
Government in Cardiff
would do the same.

She said: "Farmers in
Wales and elsewhere in
the UK spend years
rearing and caring for
their livestock. When the
time comes for these
animals to go for
slaughter, farmers need
to be assured that the
animals are treated with
respect and humanely
killed.

"There is no place in
our meat supply chain for
any incidents of either
casual or systematic
cruelty and consumers
also need to be assured

that their meat has been
sourced from animals
that have not been
subjected to needless
suffering.

"This is a very
important and emotive
subject. Welsh
Conservatives at the
Assembly have long
argued for CCTV
cameras to be placed into
our slaughterhouses and
now that a new law is
being proposed for
England, I would urge
the Welsh Labour
Government to accept
the argument and move
ahead in Wales.

"We must have our
own law which makes
the installation of these
cameras compulsory and
for all footage to be made
available to government
vets and officials when
inspections are carried
out."

Mrs Davies added that
secret filming in some
abattoirs in England had
revealed systematic
abuse of animals.

She went on: "This is
unacceptable in Wales or
anywhere else and must
be eliminated. Those
responsible must be
unmasked and
prosecuted. As a society,
we cannot tolerate this."



*Passers-by thought
the first tree had a
lack of branches.*



*By Saturday, a
more impressive
tree was in place.*

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No pain – no gain for Pudsey at St Clare's!



SIXTH form male students at St Clare's near Porthcawl bravely volunteered to have their legs waxed to raise money for the BBC Children in Need Appeal.

"We've all been trying to think of suggestions and this was something a bit different that we could do," said the boys who put their hairy legs in the not-so expert hands of eager pupils, who made a £5 donation to be allowed the satisfaction of pulling off a wax strip.

Not to be outdone, the brave boys were joined by ICT teacher, Mr Yemm.

A spokeswoman said: "At St Clare's, we always support Children in Need from the smallest in the

nursery to the tallest in the sixth form.

"Apart from the leg-waxing, we held raffles, quizzes, wore fancy dress, had cake sales and lots of stalls, including a Pudsey photo booth which was very popular. We've had a lot of fun and raised £1,393.23."

Braving the wax in front of a crowd of eager would-be waxers, Josh said: "It seemed like a good idea at the time, but it did get more painful as it went on."

Chris added: "It did hurt, more than I expected."

Despite the pain, all the boys agreed that it was worth it knowing that they were raising money for such a good cause.

No pain, no gain, as they say!

HF



ABOVE: It seemed like a good idea at the time!

Accolades for ABMU nurses

CONGRATULATIONS go to Eirlys Thomas and Cheryl Rowlands who were both named as runners-up in their categories at this week's RCN Wales Nurse of Year Awards.

Eirlys, who is ABMU's head of nursing, women and child health, was nominated for the Children and Midwifery honour for her long-standing commitment to developing a Children's Rights Charter for young people across the health board.

Her vision came to fruition earlier this year with the launch of the first charter of its kind in the

UK and her commitment and passion for children's rights has also led to the development of a youth board, ABMyouth, which is now up and running.

The judging panel felt that Eirlys had visibly demonstrated that the young person's voice will be heard, acknowledged and embedded in future practice development.

Meanwhile Cheryl, operational team leader for the community resource team based at Trem-y-Mor, narrowly missed out on the Mentorship Award.

Her nomination recognised how invaluable her 17 years of

district nursing experience have been in developing and improving the CRT team.

Among the innovations she has been responsible for is a buddy system to ensure that the team's clinical lead knows where all staff are at all times, as well as developing a student nurse placement package to ensure nurses at all levels are involved in the mentorship of others.

Judges were told how Cheryl has consistently played a crucial role in the development of staff and colleagues in a community setting with the different approach to patients that it requires.



"I'm scared. Genuinely scared of the pain," said one of the students waiting his turn.

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Dogs Trust Bridgend hopes to 'banish misconceptions' about Staffordshire Bull Terriers



Roley



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DOGS Trust Bridgend is searching for homes for six Staffordshire Bull Terriers as the rehoming centre sees an influx of this breed.

Coco, Moby, Puddin, Roley, Roxy and Bullseye are awaiting their new homes and staff are hoping they can banish misconceptions about the breed.

Dogs Trust Bridgend Rehoming Centre assistant manager, Becky Baker, explained: "We have a number of Staffordshire Bull Terriers looking for a home and hope that local dog lovers will find room in their homes for these dogs. Staffordshire Bull Terriers are a very bouncy and enthusiastic breed who are always eager to please.

"Most dogs of this breed are active by nature so they do need families that have plenty of time to play with them and provide tough toys for them to keep themselves busy with.

"Coco, Moby, Puddin, Roley, Roxy and Bullseye are a mixed bag of characters, but they have a real zest for life with so much love to give and we know they would all make superb companions in the right homes."

Readers who think can make room for a Staffordshire Bull Terrier in their home should call the centre on 0300 303 0292 or visit www.dogs-trust.org.uk for more details.

Santa is coming to Porthcawl

PORHCRAWL Lions have received information from a delicate source that Santa is coming to Porthcawl.

He is due to arrive at 11am on Saturday, November 25 at the Lions' grotto in the Porthcawl Museum, John Street, Porthcawl.

Together with his elves and lots of toys, he can be seen for £4, and the grotto will be open to all children who have been good during the past year. All money raised goes to charity.

Santa will be in his grotto every Saturday up to Christmas Day, from November 25 and then December 2, 9, 16, and 23.

Porthcawl Bridge Club news

PORHCRAWL Bridge Club recently took part in the Children In Need Simultaneous Pairs – a competition played internationally over the same set of hands and scored centrally – with proceeds donated to the charity.

The club raised more than £100 for this cause. Keith and Tony Davison won the local event, and were highly placed in the world-wide rankings.

Recent club results: Saturday, November 4: First – Dil and Marian Evans; second, Emer Disley and Debbie Lea.

Thursday, November: First, Terry Dolan and Roger Plant; second, Sue Anthony and Trish Saunders.

Saturday, November: First, Terry Dolan and Pat Haworth; second, Connie Dick and Marian Evans.

Thursday, November 16: Children In Need Simultaneous Pairs: First, Tony Haworth and Keith Davison; second, Pat Haworth and Gary Williams.

The club meets twice a week on Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, 6.45pm to 9.45pm – visitors welcome at any time. To contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL PEN-Y-BONT AR OGWR

I give notice that the following applications have been made. The application documents can be viewed during normal office hours at the Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB or on the planning page of the Council website. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications on land use planning grounds should write to the Council at the above address by the date specified under each category of application or submit their comments online. Observations received on applications are not acknowledged. Any representations submitted will be open to public inspection and objects/supporters may be identified on the internet. The Development Control Committee operates public speaking arrangements. If you wish to register an intent to speak at Committee (should the application not be processed under delegated powers) please indicate in your response. For more information tel: 01656 643675.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012

P/17/778/FUL Extension of residential curtilage, erection of a two storey side extension with Juliet balcony (first floor) and single storey porch/wc extension (front) - The Hollies Heol Yr Ysgol Coity by Mr & Mrs C Williams

P/17/816/FUL Redevelopment and extension for extended coffee shop/restaurant area, farm shop, kitchen area, toilets and 2 new concession retail units - Pyle Garden Centre 2 Heol Mostyn Pyle by Pyle Garden Centre.

P/17/879/FUL Change of use from industrial unit to coffee shop & leisure facilities (cycle studio). No structural external work - Coffee & Cadence Units H, I & J 18 Kingsways Buildings Bridgend Industrial Estate by Coffee & Cadence.

P/17/880/FUL Change of use to gym with secure car parking - 6 Aneurin Bevan Avenue Brynmenyn Industrial Estate by Brynmenyn Fitness Centre. The above proposed developments do not accord with the provision of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

P/17/856/FUL Provision of all weather

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tennis courts to replace existing grass courts with new lighting; additional lighting to existing hard surfaced courts (affecting Footpath 8 Bridgend) - Bridgend Tennis Club Church Road Bridgend by Mr William Edward Wilks **P/17/895/BCB** Installation of mobile classroom - Cwmfelin Primary School Maesteg Road Maesteg by Bridgend County Borough Council **P/17/912/FUL** Change of use of dwelling to a tourism holiday let dwelling (affecting Footpath 33 Coychurch Higher) - Caner Mawr Blackmill by Mr H Williams

RESPOND BY: 06/12/2017
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

P/17/899/LIS Ground investigation works to the Grade 2 Listed Porthcawl breakwater to assess its structural condition and identify any improvements - Porthcawl harbour Porthcawl by Bridgend County Borough Council.
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Club hold remembrance service



ON Remembrance Sunday, Bridgend Lawn Tennis Club commemorated the loss of their former members by carrying out an act of remembrance.

Current members of the club joined together in a minute's silence to commend the bravery of all those servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives for their country.

The club were also joined by students of the Bridgend Military Preparation College, who laid a wreath on the club's war memorial which was refurbished by its members last year.

Former servicemen were also in attendance as they joined members in reading out poems. Ed Wilkins, chairman of Bridgend Lawn Tennis Club, said he is "...hoping to make this an annual remembrance event at the club."



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Keith's moustache to help Marie Curie

A GREAT-GRANDFATHER who was diagnosed with inoperable brain tumours in September and given weeks to live is spending November growing facial hair in aid of a terminal illness charity.

Edward John, known as Keith to family and friends, has been staying at the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth since October, and has pledged to grow a Chopper Read (a late and infamous Australian criminal) style moustache during November to raise money for Marie Curie.



Keith has started growing a moustache to raise money for Marie Curie.

The charity's Bridgeman Road hospice provides round-the-clock expert care and support to people

living with a terminal illness and their families. Since its launch, Keith's JustGiving page has had some £900 donated to the cause.

"I want to give something back to the hospice, who have been looking after me so well," said Keith, from Barry.

"I pledged to grow some serious facial and head hair in my final days. I haven't grown any facial hair since the 1970s, and have always shaved."

His son Mark, writing on the fundraising website, said: "My dad, Keith, is a truly inspirational man. He has lived his life always putting others first and always happy to help anyone out of a sticky spot. In fact, he has always put his family and friends before his own needs."

"This is another inspirational and worthy cause proving my dad is an all-round good egg and always looking to put a positive spin on things and help others," Mark added.

His daughter, Diane Chatwell, added: "My father is one amazing man, he is always thinking of others."

To donate to Keith's fundraising, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/keith-john2.



Welsh Language Charter is launched at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg

YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg Primary School recently celebrated the launch of its 'Welsh Language Charter'.

On October 27, pupils, teachers and parents held a special ceremony to launch their commitment to the Welsh Language Charter.

Pupils from nursery to year-6 dressed in red, white and green, the colours of the Welsh flag, and celebrated their Welsh culture with songs and recitations.

Class 2 pupils showed their creative way of learning words and grammar accompanied

by their teacher Mr Elis on the ukulele.

Tara Bethan, a respected singer and actress, talked to the children about how the Welsh language has helped her career and later Tara gave Welsh language yoga lessons to the children.

The children finished with a rousing rendition of 'Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau' and met Seren and Sbarc, the official Welsh Language Charter 'mascots'.

After the ceremony, representatives of each year who had been voted 'Welsh Pioneers' spent time showing parents Welsh apps which help support Welsh language

education. Welsh organisations

The Urdd, Mentor Bro Morgannwg and Welsh for Adults also attended the celebration and afterwards parents had time to discuss Welsh language activities in the local area.

It was all accompanied with delicious tea, Welsh cakes and bara brith baked by the school's PTA.

Menna Roberts, assistant headteacher, commented: "The Welsh language and its heritage are very important to us here at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg. Our launch of the 'Siarter Laith' was a great opportunity for us to share our Welsh

provision with parents.

"Siarter Laith is an extremely exciting initiative that aims to achieve one million Welsh speakers by 2050."

"Our aim as a school is to raise pupil's awareness of popular Welsh music and TV shows, encouraging them to enjoy these at home with friends and family."

"Our lunchtime supervisors have received special Welsh language training and are enjoying using Welsh phrases on a daily basis with the children - everyone is included in this project."

The Welsh Language Charter has been developed in primary

schools to provide a framework to promote and increase the use of Welsh by children in a social context.

As part of the charter, each individual school completes a baseline exercise to determine current language use, and then develop an action plan to work towards a bronze, silver or gold award. It encourages participation from every member of the school community, pupils, parents, school governors and the wider community.

The pupils released Welsh balloons to conclude the happy day. Menna Roberts

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Eleri receives nomination for inspiration award



SIXTEEN-year-old Eleri Borges from Barry has been nominated for the Kids Count Inspiration Award 2017 and will be attending the awards ceremony later this year in Westminster.

Eleri, a previous St Andrews Major school pupil, has been recognised through the nomination for her

outstanding voluntary work in and around her hometown of Barry.

The nomination is for Kids Count's Inspiration award which is given by the youth-led charity to young individuals who go that extra mile to improve their local area.

Despite having only sat her own GCSEs this year, Eleri tutors other pupils on the best revision techniques, through a scheme called Step Up To GCSE. In addition, she trains young swimmers at the local leisure centre every week, and has even volunteered at a veterinarian surgery.

Since losing her grandfather to cancer, Eleri has raised hundreds of pounds for Teenage Cancer Care as well as Marie Curie.

Eleri is also a frequent foodbank volunteer and has participated in Kellogg's Corn Flakes' scheme to provide low or no income families with a daily breakfast.

Upon receiving confirmation of the nomination, Eleri said: "I was completely surprised to be told that I had been nominated for such an award. I volunteer and fundraise because I want to give something back to my local community

and help those around me. I never expected to be recognised in this way."

Vale MP Alun Cairns, who nominated Eleri for the award said: "Eleri is one of life's leaders and is destined for great success. Intelligence aside, she is a caring and thoughtful individual who dedicates such a considerable amount of her own time to helping others. I sincerely hope that the Kids Count charity will recognise her hard work and reward her during the ceremony."

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Press Gang pupils pay GEM a visit



"Here is the news..." Two members of Press Gang. Photo by Mike Wilcock.

Pupils of Press Gang with the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Sian Vaughan and her husband and consort, Rob. Photo by Mike Wilcock.

PRESS Gang, a group of aspiring journalists from Dinas Powys Primary School and Ysgol Y Ddraig, visited The GEM's offices last week.

Andy Johnstone of the editorial team invited the children following his visit to their school [The GEM, October 26], so that they could find out more about how to put their own newspaper together.

On arrival, the children were surprised to meet some important people: the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Sian Vaughan, and her husband, and consort, Rob.

A variety of interesting questions were asked by the Press Gang and they learnt that: her favourite part of her role is being able to represent the community of Cowbridge and meet lots of people; she doesn't get paid; her mother and father had previously held the position.



The children were very interested in her Chain of Office, finding out that it was pure gold, 130 years old and kept in a safe in the Town Hall.

Mike Wilcock, local photographer, was also on hand to give some tips and advice on how to take the perfect photograph.

After a tour of the building and a chat to some of the staff at The GEM, Press Gang returned to their schools, full of enthusiasm, ideas and information for their very own newspaper.

A big thank you to The GEM from Press Gang.

Reporters: Joseph Buckerfield; Emily McDonagh; Orla Payne; and Jasmine Williams (YYD); and Amy Wintle and Rosie Robinson (Dinas Powys Primary School).

A footnote from The GEM...

These children, some 19 in all on the day, are impressive ambassadors for their schools.

Their questions displayed a level of interest and curiosity that belied their years, and with that childlike way of being direct – always a good trait for those in the Fifth Estate – could be disarmingly, yet politely,

blunt.

Perhaps none the children of Press Gang is going to embark on a career in journalism; perhaps each of them is a little young to know.

However, the skills they display – working hard, questioning those with responsibilities to others, working together, respecting differing opinions, having an interest in the world around them and the how and why of the way it ticks – will stand them in good stead for any career.

Kudos to the teachers, too, for supporting these children in their endeavours.

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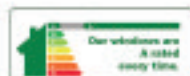
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The book is an account of Welsh involvement in the Royal Flying Corps, Royal Naval Air Service and Royal Air Force during the First World War; call 02920 706455 or visit ticketsource.co.uk.

Then, on Monday, December 11, former Welsh International Lee Byrne will be interviewed by Phil Steele about his new autobiography, 'The Byrne Identity' at Old Pens PFC, starting at 7:30pm.

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Justice League unite – and the results are enjoyable, if flawed...

It wasn't going at all well. Lofty plans of Warner Brothers and DC Comics creating a cinematic universe for their characters, a la Marvel, were left floundering after the lukewarm reaction to *Man of Steel*, the contempt for *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*, and the out-and-out hatred of *Suicide Squad*.

There were suggestions the universe would be slowly phased out, left to slowly decompose and, then – *Wonder Woman!* Patty Jenkins' incredible take on the Amazonian (who had lit

up *BvS* thanks to Gal Gadot's superb turn) suddenly took the pressure off the (unofficially-named) DCEU, and means that the latest entry in the universe, *Justice League*, has some momentum behind it.

Following the death of Superman (Henry Cavill) in *Dawn of Justice*, Batman (Ben Affleck) and Wonder Woman (Gadot) become aware of a greater threat than they have faced before – Steppenwolf (voiced by Ciaran Hinds), who is intent on tracking down three Mother Boxes which will allow him to enslave the universe.

In order to stop Steppenwolf's scheme, they track down and recruit some other

'gifted' individuals – Barry Allen, or The Flash (Ezra Miller), who has the ability of super speed, Cyborg (Ray Fisher) who was created from the remnants of his body following an explosion and melded with one of the aforementioned Mother Boxes, and the Atlantean Arthur Curry, or Aquaman (Jason Momoa). Can this team foil Steppenwolf's nefarious plan, or will the return of someone long thought lost tip the scales in their favour..?

The amount of bad press the DCEU (for want of a better name) has been given would have made you think Donald Trump had invented the concept. The truth is that while the films are flawed, they have been the first tentative steps at building something cohesive and united, not without missteps along the way.

Wonder Woman was a course-correction and *Justice League* continues the universe's move into lighter territory (well, as light as aliens wanting to enslave the universe can be), and while it's a film that is certainly flawed, it's also a film that is very enjoyable.

Zack Snyder seems to have certainly taken the criticisms of *BvS* on board, and along with Joss Whedon (who was brought on to finish the film after Snyder suffered a family



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tragedy) they have crafted a film that expands the worlds of these characters.

Those who find elements of Snyder's films lacking will have plenty to pick on here – the story is a far too-simplistic one, replete with CGI villain on 'taking-over-the-world' setting, the two-hour running time not giving the story enough time to really breathe, and some of the CGI work is questionable, along with another climax involving the wanton demolition of an inhabited area.

But the film doesn't have the air of misery and joylessness that so coloured *BvS*; whether conscious or emboldened by how *Wonder Woman* proved people enjoy their superheroes with a slice of colour, the film has a lightness of touch best shown by Ezra Miller's

Flash, who brings a level of levity that is much needed, with a joyful turn.

Jason Momoa is strong as Arthur Curry (the 'Aquaman'), who gives the *Justice League* a shot of charisma and Ray Fisher resonates in a turn that requires a fair amount of brooding, but whose backstory means that brooding is more than justified. What's worth noting is while we dig into the backstories of these characters, we certainly could have benefited from spending more time with them.

Of the established cast, Gal Gadot is yet again charming and hard as nails as Wonder Woman, giving another superb performance, while Henry Cavill's return as the 'Man of Steel' is a welcome one, again the character benefiting from being given a dash of humour.

If there's a weak link in the team, then it's Ben Affleck. While his performance is far from terrible, he feels like an awkward presence here (and if rumours are to be believed, then this is a performance of a man who has already tired of essaying Batman), something of a sore thumb amongst the gods and monsters battling it out. The character has done it in the comic books plenty of times, yet here it just seems like the fit doesn't quite work.

What does work is the

comic book sensibility that the film injects, the meeting of these characters (the majority for the first time along with established secondary characters like JK Simmons' Commissioner Gordon or Cyborg's father, Silas Stone) having a magical air about it that fans will no doubt relish.

While it's not the slam-dunk that perhaps it should be given the magnitude of what this film is (some of the DC roster joining together for the first time on screen), it is certainly an entertaining film that still gives hope for the long-term future of DC on film.

It'll most certainly have its detractors (something seemingly no DC project comes without) but *Justice League* delivers a solidly gratifying experience.

VERDICT: A stable DC effort that outstrips all before it, bar *Wonder Woman*, *Justice League* has the thrill of seeing some of DC's big guns all together for the first time on screen, but doesn't truly expand on it. A little more depth and breathing room for a more compelling story would have been helpful, but despite this it still makes for entertaining viewing.

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These two Vale of Glamorgan shows very much complement each other and both are very popular with the traders and with collectors.

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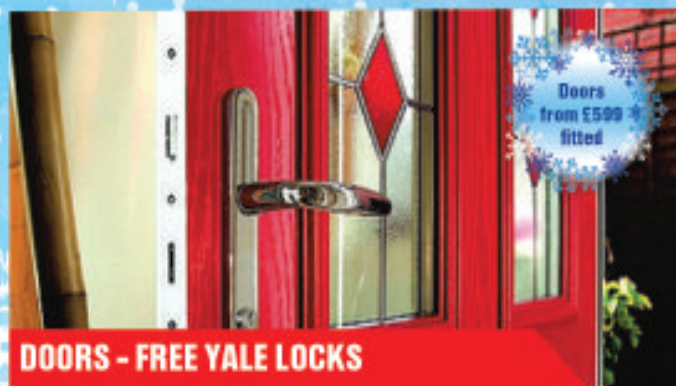
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What is more, this year there will be more Christmas sparkle than in previous years, as illuminated Christmas trees will be lining the road.

The Holton Road Traders Association vice chair, Rachael Williams, explained that the traders had secured funding from Barry Town Council's ShopLocal group to provide this extra spectacle.

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lighting, Saturday and Sunday will be marked by a wide range of activities and entertainment.

(For details of this two-day Christmas extravaganza, see the article on page 21)

Holton Road is full of well-established businesses that have been a vital part of Barry's economy not for just a few years, but decades.

It's a long road too, changing character as it wends its way from the Vale Council offices, past King Square and onwards past the multi-storey free car park.

It's fair to say that this end of Holton Road is a great place to test the water with a new business and a result, it is always well worth a look.

One very new

business is Nature House, where Adele and Kyle have been open for four weeks.

The shop has floral accessories and bouquets for all occasions, from wreaths to table arrangements.

The shop is also keen to be part of the community, Adele explained: "When we opened we started a kids club on Thursdays at 4.30pm.

"It has proved very popular and the kids have been decorating pots, and will soon be planting mini Christmas trees in them.

"They will also be making Christmas ornaments as we get closer to the big day."

Practical classes are not just for the children at Nature House. On December 20, Adele is hosting a Christmas table arrangement class, at 6.30pm with nibbles and prosecco.

At the same end of Holton Road you will find the Barry Music Shop, run by John Lewis, who has been there a lot longer than Adele.

John also runs JPL Sound, which will be familiar to people through their work on outdoor events, providing the PA and music.

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A FESTIVE LOOK AT Holton Road, Barry

Take a look at Holton Road this Christmas



Nature House's beautiful floral display.



ABOVE:
La Cucina – for food and drink from breakfast to lunch and with special tapas and cocktail evening events.



ABOVE:
Ruckleys is the only store in south Wales that stocks Reborn baby dolls.

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John is active in the Holton Road Traders Association and this weekend, is sponsoring the donkeys and Shetland ponies that will be on show as part of the Christmas extravaganza weekend.

Back at the other end of Holton Road, another fairly new business is Robert Johnson Funerals, run by Bob Johnson.

Bob said: "We opened up 16 months ago and we have been busy. I have also been able to take on an apprentice, 16-year-old Aron Cozens, and he is doing very well."

Bob feels that people shop around more now for funerals, as they are concerned about the cost in general, and hidden extras in particular.

He said: "I'm conscious that for some families there is now an element of 'funeral poverty' so we go out of our way to offer value for money."

Just down the road is La Cucina, a well-established business in Holton Road – it recently celebrated its 10th year – and owner Ferda is tuned in to his customer's needs.

Open from 8am to 5pm, it has what people

need as the day progresses, from breakfast options in the morning to tea or coffee and a snack mid morning, to a full range of lunchtime meals.

This covers lasagne, fillings for jacket potatoes, stir fries or club sandwiches, and a full range of meals, with a mix of English or Continental.

La Cucina is licenced too, and there is wine, beer and cocktails for anyone in need of a drink!

Once a month, towards the end of the month (usually on a Saturday) they have an evening event, with live music, tapas, and cocktails.

Ferda and his staff are tuned into the daily rhythms of Holton Road life, and know what their customers want.

Not far from La Cucina you will find Ruckley's, where Faye Ruckley has been in business for 12 years.

Open seven days a week, they really are a one stop destination store.

As well as all the latest prams and pushchairs, they also stock adults' bridesmaid dresses from a size 6 to 26, pageboy outfits, flower girls dresses, shoes, accessories, childrenswear, scouts, brownies, guides, beavers, rainbows, school uniform and toys.

Faye told the GEM: "We have some great offers this Christmas including the popular Elf on the Shelf box set

for only £24.99, and Elf letter to Santa (£19.99)

"We are also a Reborn doll specialist and the only bricks and mortar store in south Wales where you can chose your Reborn baby. Why not call in for a cuddle? There's £20 off any package on Black Friday. They also have a fantastic range of dolls' prams which cannot be found on the High Street."

Just around the corner in Regent Street is George's – a men's barbers run by George Armstrong.

George said: "I have been the owner here for 12 years now, and before that I was here for four years serving my time."

Being established for such a time means that George has an established clientele, attracted by the good service and friendly atmosphere.

Of course, fashions change, but George and fellow barbers get together from time to time to update each other.

The demand for his services has meant that George introduced an appointment system last year, and that is working very well.

Christmas is a busy time for George, and he is happy about that. New customers are still most welcome, of course.

At the other end of Holton Road is a business that has been trading for 34 years! Just Fancy, run by Jackie, is a real 'tip of the iceberg' shop.

The shop area is packed, but out back, room after room after room is full from floor to ceiling with costumes.

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A FESTIVE LOOK AT *Holton Road, Barry*

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She does sell the pre-packed imported popular costumes of the day, but the heart of the business is the huge range of costumes – in great detail – that she has made herself over the years.

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Local drama groups and schools still call on her services, so the range just keeps on growing!

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At the other end of Holton Road is another long-established business, TL Systems, which has been trading there for 21 years.

In fact, owner Dave Elliot doesn't know of a computer shop in the Vale that has been trading longer!

He told The GEM that computers get faster and screens get prettier, but certain things don't change.

He said: "These days, a popular line is factory refurbished laptops, and we can advise on which machine meets your needs. One important point is that they come with manufacturers' guarantees – usually 12 months and sometimes more."

Many of the big names, from Apple to Dell, are available through this scheme.

TL Systems also has a thriving service



Just Fancy for all your dressing up needs!



ABOVE: Beautiful jewellery at JKS.

business – they can come to you, or you can bring your computer to Holton Road.

The business also has a website service, offering web posting for businesses and individuals, and can also quote for setting up a website.

Not far away is Bella Vita, which recently opened next to

Domino's. Ceriann, the owner, has been in the beauty and hair business for many years.

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THE Mayor of Barry, Cllr Nic Hodges, said that the town council has invested significantly in maintaining and increasing the level of Christmas lights and decorations in Barry.

"This year there are plans for decorations along Park Crescent. We continue to maintain the standard of lighting along High Street and have made a significant

contribution to the display along Holton Road.

"This is all part of the town council's 'Shop Local' campaign and aims to encourage shoppers into the town to support the many hard working local independent traders and staff.

"Although the town council has limited resources we are determined to do all we can to develop the economic life of the town."



The Mayor of Barry, Cllr Nic Hodges, says the town council is determined to have even more local people using local shops.

Holton Road all set to go Christmas crazy!

THIS Saturday, November 25, sees the beginning of Holton Road Traders' two-day Christmas extravaganza.

So, what are the key times that families need to know about on Saturday when the lights will be officially switched on?

From 3pm until 4.30pm there will be a lantern-making workshop, followed by a lantern parade.

The Christmas lights are switched on at 5pm, and at 5.30pm the Central Park ice rink will be open.

Of course, throughout the day there will be a lot more to see – performers taking to a stage on King Square and the festive market, with lots of stalls with Christmas gift ideas.

The Barry Music Shop is sponsoring donkeys on Saturday and Shetland ponies on Sunday.

There will also be a Santa's grotto next to the music stage and a chance for children to



King Square, Barry.

get a picture with Father Christmas.

There's is going to be a raffle over the two days with prizes donated by traders on Holton Road and crafters at the market. Among those providing prizes are

Papa Johns, CEX,

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Ahh...lovely!, Ooh La La Patisserie, Gruff

Beard, and Crafted Arts.

Emma Thorne of Holton Road Traders

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BAVO APPLAUDS LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

BRIDGEND Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) recently held its annual Bridgend County Borough Volunteer Achievement Awards 2017 at the Heronston Hotel in Bridgend.

Compèred by Lee Jukes from Bridge FM, special guests included David Davies – High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan, AM for Bridgend Carwyn Jones, Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Cllr Pam Davies and Consort Tudor Davies, Mayor of Bridgend Town Cllr Stuart Baldwin, Cllr Huw David, Leader of BCBC and Tenovus Cancer Care Choir.

BAVO's chief executive, Heidi Bennett said: "With more nominations coming through, the task of the judging for the panel was particularly difficult this year. Volunteers make a real difference to charities and

"BAVO is proud and privileged to be able to host this event again this year and my thanks go to our generous sponsors and donors who have made this celebration possible."

Bridgend County Borough Volunteer



Highly Commended recognition for KPC Youth & Community volunteers, presented by Cllr Huw David.

Achievement Awards winners were: Befriending and Mentoring Volunteer of the Year Award (sponsored by Valleys to Coast) – John Jefferies (Community Companions).

Volunteer of the Year Award under 25 (sponsored by Graham Paul Accountants) – Billy Murton (KPC Youth & Community).

Volunteer of the Year Award over 25 – Jean Cleaton (Alzheimer's Society).

Trustee of the Year Award – Sheila Stephen (Y Bont).

Charity Shop Volunteer of the Year Award – Marilyn Berry (Wales Air Ambulance Shop).

Sports Volunteer of the Year Award – James Thomas (Y Hen Blwyf).

Volunteer Project of the Year Award (sponsored by United Graphic Design) – Carefree Community Café (Bridgend Carers Centre).

Outstanding Volunteer Contribution Award (sponsored by Handelsbanken) – Christine Ellis (Stroke Association).

Bridgend County Borough Volunteer Achievement Awards 2017 'Highly Commended' certificates were presented to: Ceri Chatham (Follow Your Dreams – Technology Club), Emily Cooper (Bridgend Bolts Netball

Team), Claire Davies (Mental Health Matters Wales), Louise Edwards (Alzheimer's Society), Angela Evans (Mulligan Community), Joel Maddalena (The Zone Family Centre), Matthew Hill (Tŷ Hafan, Bridgend), Health Morris (Tŷ Hafan, Bridgend), Finola Pickwell (Stand Against Bullying), Jordan Richards (Active Young People's Department), Mike Richards (Mental Health Matters Wales), Kristian Thompson (The Zone Family Centre), Richard Young (Mental Health Matters Wales), Follow Your Dreams – Technology Club and Stand Against Bullying.

David Pugsley from Tŷ Hafan, Bridgend was unable to make the ceremony and his certificate was collected by Jamie McCarthy from Tŷ Hafan, on his behalf. Leader of BCBC Cllr



Carefree Community Café, Volunteer Project of the Year with Lesley Poulton.



Volunteer of the Year over 25 Jean Cleaton, with AM Carwyn Jones.

Huw David also presented a 'Highly Commended' certificate for Wales Council for Voluntary Action's Wales Volunteer of the Year 2017 Awards to KPC Youth &



Billy Murton (KPC Youth & Community) Volunteer of the Year Award under 25, with Ann Lloyd.

Community's young volunteers.

Mr Jukes said: "It was an honour to host the BAVO Volunteer Awards for the third year.

"Volunteers are the

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Christmas is an ideal time for the Pootler. Papers up and down the land are preparing their festive features, and happenstance, this week it's Llantwit Major.

It's unfair to pick out one town as the best in the Vale; there are so many gems that it's more a cluster than a single precious stone, and Llantwit Major is perfect territory for the Pootler.

A crisp late autumn Friday saw me ambling through the town pleased at the number of independent shops and businesses, their range, and how busy they were.

So busy, in fact, that few had the time to talk.

Take Andy Brown of the rather appropriately named Andy Cars in Llantwit Major.

It has the distinction of being the longest-established taxi-cab firm in the town, and offers the full range of services one would expect from a taxi company.

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He also said: "At Andy Cars, we make sure that the fare for the travel is set before the journey itself. This way, our passengers will know how much the journey will cost before you set off, with no hidden charges."

He also said that for people travelling in a group, there is a fleet of well-maintained saloon vehicles so you can choose the one that meets the group's needs and budget.

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Another busy person in Llantwit Major was Gordon Taylor, who helped found the New Hope charity.

Although the writer was looking forward to this being a reference to *Star Wars: Episode IV*, I was even more pleased to find out that it is the shop window of an organisation that, to quote, "provides relief for the sick and poor, by improving living conditions for those in the developing world".

More specifically, it is for those in need of water and medical aid in Nicaragua, and the



A step, or rather a drive, in the right direction: a hybrid Auris of Andy Cars.

charity was set up in the wake of a mudslide in Nicaragua near the turn of the century.

Ideal for those looking for a bargain Christmas present, either second-hand or a new donated item, Gordon is strident in his criticism of charity shops that sell ranges of new, not donated, goods.

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New Hope Charity Llantwit Major is on East Street. Telephone 01446 796633 for more information.

I wondered as I wandered through the town about Christmas decorations. Not for me the gaudiness of tinsel and a thousand twinkling lights, but something more restrained, tasteful and natural.

And so I ambled across the road the The Flower Shop, looking for a centre piece for the prandial table, a wreath for the front door and a bouquet of pretty flowers to keep the little



Plenty of choice in The Flower Shop.

woman happy.

Sarah, whose delightful shop it is, was busy serving customers doing what florists do, her nimble fingers artfully creating from a few choice blooms delights that would add grace to any Christmas home.

Sarah also directed me to a range of pieces: Welsh slate pieces – cheeseboards, signs, hearts and more – from Valley Mills, based in Crynant in the Dulais

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Llantwit Major **ALIVE WITH LIGHTS** this Christmas

Llantwit Major at Christmas



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Pausing for a break – a Pootler requires frequent stops for coffee and other refreshments – in my busy schedule of walking around town, at Dixie's (recently nominated for one of the Countryside Alliance's 'Rural Oscars'), I bump into Clare Ingram from Llantwit's Chamber of Trade.

Clare tells me of recent goings on and how the chamber is progressing at a steady pace, and a few details of Christmas.

She said: "The chamber is very pleased to have worked closely with the town's Event Committee this year to be able to show the beautiful town in all its festive glory."

"The many shops and businesses in the town have decorated their premises and entered into the spirit of The Christmas Window Competition which will be judged on the evening of Friday, November 24."

She added that many

of the shops are joining in with the Christmas competition of finding Santa's Elves with the winning entry form drawn on Friday, December 22. Top prize is a large selection box.

"The chamber – which is working with the Mayor, Cllr Jayne Norman, to make the town 'dementia friendly' – has had a busy year," said Clare.

"Hunt the Bunny event at Easter, Victorian Fair window competition, Poppy Fortnight..."

"It's wonderful that nearly all of the businesses in the town have now joined, we are looking forward to planning various events next year; the next meeting will be a social event in The West House Hotel in February."

Any businesses that would like to join should contact Clare at llantwitmajorchamber@yahoo.com.

Speaking of the Mayor, Cllr Norman writes: "It's that time of year again when everyone's thoughts turn



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to Christmas and all that goes into to make it special in our own way. Whether you are looking for presents for family or friends, or even just an excuse to treat yourself (or let others treat you!), look no further than Llantwit Major.

"We are fortunate to have a thriving town. And with many individually owned shops selling unique

items, as well as some of the more well-known stores, you are bound to find something to please everyone."

"Or why not visit the Christmas Market on Saturday, November 25. With its large selection of stalls, and activities for the children throughout the day, it will make for a fantastic day out for all the family. And why not stay on after dark to see

the lantern parade and the switching on of the Christmas lights in the town? Maybe even get a bite to eat in one of the many cafes, restaurants and pubs?"

Whatever you do, you can be sure of a warm welcome in Llantwit Major.

"May I, as Mayor, and, on behalf of the Llantwit Major Town Council, take this opportunity to wish you

all a very Happy Christmas, and good health and happiness for 2018."

Owner Sandra Woodley takes up the 'tail' of my next port of call and the bespoke holistic pet care services available at Rosypaws Grooming Spa and Pet Care.

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Sunkissed's Emily (left) and Billie.

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Sandra continued: "One-on-one, stress free environment, and I am pleased to launch the Animal Reiki Healing Therapy service in December (a wonderful relaxing and healing energy therapy). We also offer pet sitting visits for cats and other small pets when you are away."

Rosypaws is on East Street. Search on Facebook, telephone 01446 677570, or visit www.rosypaws.co.uk.

Heading out of town for a minute, I meandered to St Donat's Castle to find out more about its Crafts for Christmas event on Sunday, December 3.

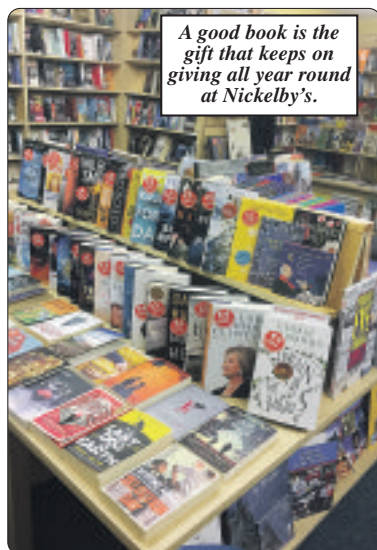
Open from 10.30am to 4.30pm, this annual craft fair showcases a wonderful mix of handmade crafts and food exhibitors; the perfect opportunity to commence your Christmas shopping.

More than 50 stalls will be on display, and there will be the return of 'artisan' baker Alex Gooch to the food hall. There will also be a bird of prey display, Santa, live music and a range of refreshments offered – including street food – throughout the day.

Entrance is £6 per car or £2 per person on foot.

For more information, visit events.atlanticcollege.org.

Browsing is another Pootler pastime, and a good bookshop is an ideal place to do it, and Nickleby's



A good book is the gift that keeps on giving all year round at Nickleby's.

Bookstore in Poundfield Precinct is once such place.

It offers services not usually provided by small bookshops, and, for the JR Hartleys out there, John and his team, Kath, Cheryl and Lydia, claim to be able to find any book, in- or out-of-print, from anywhere in the world, and they enjoy the challenge.

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John said: "We also offer a wide range of new and popular books and will quickly obtain anything not in stock. Christmas is our busiest time of year and we are happy to offer advice on buying books as presents for all ages and interests, and don't worry if you leave it late: we will be accepting orders for Christmas up until December 21."

"With strong competition on-line and from supermarkets, bookselling is not an easy trade and we are very grateful to our many loyal customers who make it all worthwhile for us."

Nickleby's Bookstore, Poundfield Precinct. Visit www.nicklebysbookstore.co.uk or telephone 01446 795166.

'Pampering': what a capital word. Who doesn't like a bit of pampering? On my merry amble in Llantwit, I happen upon Sunkissed Beauty and Tanning, also on East Street, which specialises in pampering.

Here is what Sunkissed's Vicki Wiggins told me: "We are coming towards the end of another fabulous year of pampering and relaxing our clients, and with Christmas fast approaching, we would like to take this opportunity to show you our Christmas offers."

"There is a little something for everyone, whether its to pamper yourself or to treat loved ones for Christmas. "We also have many more gift ideas and Sunbed offers in Sunkissed. Could we also take this opportunity of thank all our clients for making the salon a happy, relaxing place to be and wish

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Viki (rear right) and staff of Victoria's Quest salon.

everyone and very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year."

Contact Sunkissed Beauty and Tanning on 01446 796883 or visit www.sunkissedbeautyandtanning.co.uk.

Also wishing festive felicitations to all, and with some news, are Viki and staff from Victoria's Quest, the hair salon on East Street.

Viki said: "I and all the girls at Victoria's Quest would like to welcome Rebecca from Cowbridge as our junior stylist."

"We are a KMS official salon, so please pop in to view our Christmas giftboxes."

"We also would like to wish all our clients past and present a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

For more information, visit the salon on East Street or call 01446 793563.

And so my extended pre-Christmas stroll through Llantwit Major, a town in rude health and with businesses doing well, ended.

Yes, many of us buy online, and why wouldn't we? That said it's not binary, an either-or choice, and the two are not mutually exclusive.

Do visit your high street and shop local. Be it a butcher, a baker, a candlestick maker or for that matter, a bookseller; you might be surprised what you'll find on the high street, and you'd miss it were it not there.

And remember: a high street is for life, not just Christmas.

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World Antibiotic Awareness Week

THIS month, pharmacies across Wales will be supporting the World Health Organisation's campaign which aims to raise the awareness of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

The World Health Organisation says in their first global report: "AMR is no longer purely a prediction for the future. Antibiotic resistance – when bacteria adapt so antibiotics fail – is happening right now across the world. Without urgent action, we are heading for a post-antibiotic era, in which common infections and minor injuries can once again kill."

"This threat of AMR is a global public health problem that requires sustained, co-ordinated multisector, multidisciplinary and public action at local, national and international level. AMR is increasing, and the rapid emergence of resistance to antibiotics is of particular concern."

"Although AMR cannot be eradicated, with positive action it can be managed to reduce the risk of life-



by KATE THOMAS
of Sylvia Williams
Chemist.

threatening and untreatable complications increasingly occurring following minor injuries, common infections and surgical procedures.

"The widespread, and often excessive, use of antimicrobials is one of the main factors contributing to the increasing emergence of AMR. We all have a responsibility to use antibiotics responsibly, so that they will still work to help us when we really need them."

Kate Thomas, pharmacist owner at Sylvia Williams Chemist, Cowbridge, said: "The aim of this all Wales campaign is:

1. To raise awareness of antimicrobial resistance with patients and customers;

2. To provide basic

education, support and signposting to further information and:

3. To encourage people to think how they might use antibiotics better.

"We encourage patients to talk to their pharmacist first to find out how to treat symptoms of coughs, colds and sore throats without antibiotics."

"We have leaflets to give out to help patients self care to manage these common ailments but importantly, they also help people recognise symptoms which are serious, which should be seen urgently by a doctor."

"There is also a quiz for people who like to test their knowledge and people can sign up as an 'Antibiotic Guardian', where they choose a pledge to adhere to, if they so wish."

Handsome Hero is looking for a home

HERO is a handsome three-year-old Greyhound who loves human company and especially likes having cuddles.

He socialises with other dogs and would benefit from living with another dog of similar size, which may help him when being left for short periods.

Hero will suit a home with children aged eight years and over and would prefer a home where someone is around for most of the day, as he loves human company.

He is a gorgeous Greyhound who has heaps of love to give. If you would like more information on Hero, call into Dogs Trust Bridgend, CF31 4NG or call 01656 725219, see website www.dogtrust.org.uk.



Jane Hutt AM visited members of the Castleland Lunch Club recently.

Lunch Club welcomes AM

LAST week, Jane Hutt AM dropped in for a cup of tea and chat with members of the Castleland Lunch Club (formerly Castaways) at their new home at Golau Caredig, Broad Street, Barry.

The club gives older people living in the Vale an opportunity to meet up with friends for lunch and bingo every Friday. Jane has been a staunch supporter of the club since it was started in 2011, with the help of the late and much respected councillor, Margaret Alexander.

Club Leader June Marsh told Ms Hutt how pleased they all were to see her, and thanked her for all her support over the years.

Ms Hutt said: "It was great to see the club members settled into their new home, and to hear about how kind and welcoming the team at Golau Caredig have

been. This club makes such a difference to the lives of elderly people, and it was also good to see some younger people from Scope coming along to join in with the bingo."

The club meets every Friday (11am-3pm); for more information, contact Sue on 01446 734387.

Brexit threat to Aston Martin

THE warning from Aston Martin that they could stop manufacturing cars in Britain if the UK Government Brexit negotiations end up with a 'no deal' has been met with a strong reaction by Vale AM Jane Hutt.

She said: "I recently visited Aston Martin in St Athan to view progress in turning the super hangar into a first class production plant for the 750 highly skilled jobs coming to the Vale with £60 million worth of contracts

benefiting Wales.

"The UK Government must heed the words of British businesses like Aston Martin who are making it quite clear that a Brexit 'no deal' is not an option and could threaten this company which is now investing in Wales."

"I call on the Secretary of State David Davis MP, to meet with Aston Martin and listen to their concerns and commit himself to getting the best deal for businesses in Wales and the UK."

PACT meeting

MEET your local officer at the Pelican Inn, Ogmore by Sea at 11am on Tuesday, November 28.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO.

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Bryntirion's double triumph in Rotary Youth Speaks event

The competitors.



ORGANISED by Gillian Hale, the Rotary Club of Bridgend held its annual Youth Speaks Competition at Bryntirion Comprehensive School on November 15.

It was an exciting evening, with six teams prepared to offer their views on a variety of subjects. There were three senior and three intermediate teams from Bryntirion and Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen.

The speakers chose subjects such as 'Can celebrities be deemed good role models in society?', 'Ignorance is Bliss', 'The Seventh Kingdom' and 'Should the use of battery farms be banned?'

All the competitors had researched their topics thoroughly and presented their arguments with conviction. This all made for an extremely interesting evening for the audience and gave great difficulty for the adjudicators selecting the winning teams.

Eventually, the winning intermediate team was announced as Bryntirion Comprehensive, which presented the topic 'Smash the Glass'.

The chairperson was Ben Fisher, the speaker was Caitlin Richards and the vote of thanks was made by Nicole Rowlands.

The winning senior team was from Bryntirion and it spoke on their chosen topic of 'The Seventh Kingdom'. The chairperson was Lewis Williams, the speaker was Caitlin Jones and the vote of thanks was given by Rhea Gould.

The awards were presented by president nominee Brian Roberts.

The winning senior team received the Rotary Shield and all winning competitors were given a gift voucher. Every competitor was given a certificate to commemorate their participation in the competition.

The Rotary Club of Bridgend would like to congratulate all students who took part, all the



The winning senior team from Bryntirion School with Gillian Hale and Brian Roberts.

teachers who helped prepare the pupils for the competition and family and friends who came along to support the event. Thanks also went to the headteacher and governors of Bryntirion Comprehensive for hosting this year's event.

The Rotary Club of Bridgend Youth Opportunities Committee runs various activities aimed at recognising and celebrating the achievements of young people of all ages.

If you are interested in joining or wish to find more about Rotary, contact: www.rotary-ribi.org or the secretary of the Rotary Club of Bridgend on 01656 6521812.

GILL HALE



The winning Intermediate Team from Bryntirion Comprehensive



Fire Fences hope to win enough votes to take them to the final.

Bridgend group are counting on votes to win Battle of the Bands

THE Great British public are being urged to crank up the volume and appreciate the sound of a talented four-piece band from Bridgend, before voting on them to make the final of Firestone's prestigious Battle of the Bands grassroots competition.

Fire Fences, whose style has been compared to the Arctic Monkeys, have been shortlisted as one of six acts to win Firestone's prestigious Battle of the Bands grassroots competition and voting is now open at <http://battleofthebands.firestone.eu> for people to decide on their final fate.

Once voting closes on November 23, three chosen acts will then go onto play in the overall final on December 14 in Birmingham.

Fire Fences were formed by the bandmates while at Bridgend's Brynteg School in 2013 and have already beaten around 300 unsigned acts to get this far.

The Firestone Battle of the Bands Trophy, more than £2,000 worth of Orange Amplification gear and studio time worth £1,500, are all now within reach.

Orange Amplification and returning partner Professional Music Technology (PMT) judged the entries and agreed on six shortlisted acts, with Fire Fences' uplifting rock and

acoustic sounds striking a chord.

The band, comprising Dylan Wictome (bass), Will Davies (lead guitar), Aaron Nicholas (vocals/guitar) and James Lee (drums), have already had a taste of the big time when invited to play a sold out show at the Viper Room on Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood.

Bosses at the landmark club likened their performance to the Arctic Monkeys and the band are hoping to leave a similar impression on voters.

Singer Aaron (21), said: "We have been knocking on the door for a little while now and playing non-stop across the UK. To win Battle of the Bands would be huge and would provide us with the platform that we've been looking for." James (22), said: "The dream is to do this full-time and it is a great feeling to know that we have beaten so many acts to get this far. We'd love to travel the world and make it big because we really love what we do."

"People who used to think of us as losers might change their opinion and want to listen to the music we play."

All of Fire Fences study at Cardiff University and are proud of the city, having also played on the day of the Champions League final earlier in the year.

"We were selected by Capital FM to play in Cardiff Bay on the day of the final. There were

Real Madrid and Juventus fans all enjoying our stuff, so that was a special day for us," added Will Davies.

"Hopefully there will be more days like that to come if we can win Firestone's Battle of the Bands."

Firestone's Battle of the Bands was created to give unsigned acts a chance to shine, with its 'Be Heard' strapline created to give musicians a chance to do exactly that – and hopefully make their big industry breakthrough.

The competition will be opened out to an online public vote from November 13 to 23, with the top three acts going forward to play in the overall grand final.

Firestone's brand manager Stuart Attfield said: "It has been a really uplifting experience to meet and listen to the shortlisted acts, all of whom have underlined why Firestone is so committed to music and promoting grass roots talent."

"There is a diverse mix of talent with different styles coming to the fore. Fire Fences are one of six strong acts and we wish them all the very best of luck as they aim to make the final."

The journey that Fire Fences have been on with Firestone to get this far can be viewed at battleofthebands.firestone.eu. Meanwhile, votes can also be cast on the same website.

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Local charity appears on Children in Need broadcast

FIVE young people supported by Maesteg-based youth charity, Yellow Wales appeared live on BBC Radio Wales' Wynne Evans' show to help highlight work that Children in Need fundraising provides.

During their visit they met the famous yellow bear, Pudsey, as well as BBC presenter Lucy Owen and former Welsh international rugby player Ian Gough. The youngsters also took part in fundraising activities and announced the latest fundraising total live on air.

Hosted by Hafod Housing, Yellow Wales specialise in providing training and support for young people aged 16 to 25 who face a range of personal challenges in their lives and who are often 'disconnected from training, education or employment'.

Over the past 12 months, Yellow

Wales has supported 158 young people to access training, volunteering opportunities, further education and employment.

Thanks to a grant from BBC Children in Need of £9,440, Yellow Wales has also been able to offer a range of activities aimed at improving the confidence and life skills of young people aged 16 and 17.

Manager of Yellow Wales, Steve Driscoll, explained: "The BBC Children in Need funding has enabled Yellow Wales to offer a varied programme of 'enrichment activities' to young people who otherwise would not have had the chance to enjoy or take part in such opportunities."

"This has included attending bushcraft sessions to learn about the great outdoors including cooking over an open fire, accessing the support of a professional life coach, learning about healthy relationships, an up-cycling

project to rejuvenate old and worn out clothes, and a series of cooking sessions to learn how to cook healthy meals."

BBC Radio Wales visited the charity in Maesteg to learn about what it does and record some footage of a cookery session ahead of the live show.

Charlie, aged 17, took part in this and some bush craft sessions and described how much he enjoyed both.

Charlie is currently studying media studies at Maesteg College so was really excited to have the opportunity to visit BBC Wales and take part in a radio show.

He said: "Yellow Wales has given me more motivation to do things that I thought I couldn't do by helping me to have a broader, more positive outlook of myself."



Yellow Wales participant pictured with BBC news presenter, Lucy Owen (right).

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Wet, windy and cold, but spirits high



ALTHOUGH these photographs show only part of the parade, not, sadly, the Service of Remembrance at the town's war memorial in Dunraven Place, they give a sense of the ages, services, and regiments, and veterans of many conflicts, that took part on what was a wet, windy and cold day.

The rain did ease, and stopped long enough for *Last Post*, the Silence and the *Rouse*.

Reverend Rachel Wheeler, Padre to the local RBL branch, in her address, spoke of campaigns HM Armed Forces fought in that now seem forgotten, including Korea, Suez, the Malayan Emergency, Aden, Northern Ireland, the Gulf, the Balkans, and Sierra Leone, and exhorted children to remember these along with WWI, WWII, Afghanistan and Iraq, for future generations.

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Bridgend Quiz League news

THE latest results for the Bridgend Quiz League for November 14 are as follows:

Crown Maesteg 41,
TyRisha Royals 52;
Penybont FC Nomads
55, Laleston Inn A 44;
Tondur Railway Club 53,
Mackworth Arms 38;
Oddfellows Arms Bettws
50, Prince of Wales
Coychurch 34; Pheasant
Poachers 48, Five Bells
B 37; Laleston Inn B 46,
Cabo Roche 48;
Chatterton Shunters 44,
Pheasant Gamekeepers
41.

Here are this week's teasers from Bridgend Quiz League:

1. A build up of uric acid in the body can cause what painful condition?
2. What is both a French wine region and a luxury American automobile?
3. Born Arthur Jefferson in 1890, by what name was this comic better known?

SK

Answers:
1. Gout.
2. Cadillac.
3. Stan Laurel.

Golf club member wins 'cash prize pot'

THROUGHOUT the winter months, Cottrell Park Golf Resort ran a members' prize draw with a cash prize pot that increased by £50 each week.

The prize pot was donated from the club and started at £500, rising £50 weekly and was drawn between each Thursday.

The members' prize draw was won on November 16 by Glyn Dummett with a prize pot of £600, who was delighted with his win.

All eligible Cottrell Park members are added to the draw and each week a name is pulled from the pot. If the member is present, they win the prize.

The concept is to encourage members to support the club through the dreary winter months when generally the clubhouse is quiet and food and beverage sales are slow.



Glyn Dummett with general manager, Derek Smith.

manager, said: "The weekly members' prize draw and quiz night was launched last winter and was very well received, with one of the lady members winning the jackpot of £1,200 on the last night of the draw. This year, we introduced the same concept and I'm delighted to see lots of members and visitors attending the Thursday quiz and draw as we enter another winter season."

The quiz starts at 7pm every Thursday and both members and visitors are welcome to enter a team. Entry is a £1 per person and the winning team also wins a cash prize on the night.

Homework club branches out and forms science club

YOUNGSTERS from across the Rhose area are set to benefit after Tarmac and The Vale Parent Child Homework Support Club have partnered to launch a science club.

The club, for pupils aged 9-16, is already reporting huge success and has become fully subscribed in the two weeks since it became active.

Tarmac, which has a longstanding partnership with The Vale Parent Child Homework Support Club, came up with the idea of a science club to complement the existing help and support available throughout the year.

The funding to run the course has been secured through Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) youth-led 'Dish Out Dosh' grant.

Tarmac Aberthaw's plant manager, Chris Bradbury, said: "We are proud to further our support to the Homework Club and are delighted to play a hands-on role in delivering the science club."

"Science is a subject that is very close to our



Tarmac Aberthaw plant manager Chris Bradbury with science club members.

hearts at Aberthaw and by giving youngsters the opportunity to get more involved and undertake experiments in a safe, controlled environment, we hope to inspire future generations to consider careers in science fields, like engineering."

Tarmac has partnered with The Vale Parent/Child Homework Support Club for over three years, which helps support children across the Vale to keep up with their school work and

give them confidence in their learning abilities.

The club is run by volunteers and holds English, maths and now science support sessions for local Vale schoolchildren, and is now helping older family members to further their skills with adult learning support.

Science Club will take place every Wednesday during term time between 3.45pm and 5pm at Rhose Community Centre.

One of the club's founder members, Cath Watkins, said: "Our partnership with Tarmac is fruitful on many levels and it was from discussions with their environmental co-ordinator, Kara Bennett, that the science club idea was born."

"You can imagine our delight that within days of marketing the club we reached capacity - we now have 25 young people signed up to the course, who are eager to

explore the world of science."

Aberthaw Cement Plant is the only cement works in south Wales. Cement made at Aberthaw has contributed to some of Wales' most significant construction projects of recent time, including Pembroke Power Station, The Millennium Centre and home of the Welsh Government - The Senedd - both in Cardiff Bay.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ward Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and Town Councillors for Gibbonsdown and Court Wards, Julie Aviet, Margaret Wilkinson, Jack Hawkins, Bronwen Brooks and Sandra Perkes, will hold an advice surgery on Saturday, November 25 at the Parkside Christian Centre, St Bride's Way, Gibbonsdown (CF63 1UA) from 10am-11am. No appointment necessary.

Christmas Fairs for the diary

TWO CHRISTMAS fairs will take place at Llantwit Major RFC: on Saturday, November 25 and December 16, from 11am-3pm.

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An urgent appeal to save The Balmoral

BALMORAL is now safely back at her berth in Bristol after a truly rollercoaster summer. This is a brief description of the season and explains why we are again asking for help to keep the ship in operation and to thank you for your previous support and custom.

At the start of the third season under White Funnel Ltd stewardship, we had a beautifully turned out historic ship, wonderful trips planned, excellent advance bookings, beautiful weather, a polite and attentive ship's company and the support of our volunteers and enthusiasts.

After an initial hiccup, we were on course to put our ship on a sound financial footing, largely due to the generosity of our sponsors and appeal donors. Highlights of the season saw *Balmoral* perform two worthwhile wind farm charters, filming contracts and sailings in good weather to the Western Isles and the Isle of Man on Tynwald Day. We ran classic cruises around Anglesey and on the Bristol Channel and River Severn. We had a reliable and happy ship, looking beautiful and running well. Passenger bookings were up almost 40 per cent on 2016; at last we appeared to have turned the corner.

Then the British weather took hold, causing a string of cancelled sailings, but we plan for a number of lost trips each season and that was not unforeseen. Other factors combined to cause havoc and

they were completely out of our hands. A weeping rivet required a return to Sharpness dry-dock, collapse of the Gravesend landing pontoon scuppered the Thames visit, followed by a summer storm and failure of both engine/gearbox couplings, one of them just a day after an assurance from the manufacturer that it would last the season.

Then, at the very last moment, we were refused permission to carry passengers to the Isle of Man, although *Balmoral* has been a regular visitor for three decades and would have been allowed to go to Belfast, almost twice the distance on open water. This disappointed our passengers and supporters and cost us a huge amount of money in advertising, ticket refunds and lost revenue, and with no recompense or chance of making up the deficit.

Back on home waters and with excellent advanced bookings, hopes were high until, on a full to capacity Bristol Channel sailing, a rope was dropped into the water from the quayside, became entangled in a propeller, worked its way under the rope guard and damaged a shaft seal. That required divers, another trip to dry-dock and a further two weeks lost service. After urgent repairs, the ship then performed perfectly, visited north Wales, Liverpool and Scotland and ran into the worst late summer weather for years, preventing most of the additional sailings planned to recover some of the lost revenue. To have one incident in a season is not unexpected in any operation, but these

unconnected problems were heartbreaking for passengers, crew and staff.

Economic facts can't be avoided and in 2017, *Balmoral* managed only 55 of her 116 scheduled sailings, fractionally under half. Despite the huge popularity and increased passenger numbers when she did operate, we have a very large deficit and serious doubts about continuing coastal excursions without financial support – and we need that support urgently.

We need to raise £450,000 and have no more than eight weeks in which to secure *Balmoral's* future for a further season. After that time it could be impossible to book harbours, connections and her annual survey. We need funds to settle outstanding accounts from the 2017 season, pay for routine maintenance and to dry-dock and prepare the ship for 2018. This seems a huge amount; it is, but the response to appeals in the past has been superb and we are making economies and the best use of our volunteers. We intend to use *Balmoral* as a venue and educational facility in Bristol Harbour to help with winter costs and already have a number of bookings.

Balmoral is unique in that she is a fully functional vessel, the last of her type, and in good condition after all the work and money lavished on her. Goodwill and affection is so obvious wherever she goes.

Keeping active is the best way to preserve any ship. We already have charter enquiries for 2018 and there is a provisional outline timetable for next season. If we are unable to reach our target in the

time needed, donations will be used to continue with planned maintenance, preserve and maintain the ship in operating condition in Bristol and settle any remaining accounts with our suppliers on whom we depend to keep *Balmoral* sailing.

As soon as funds permit, she will be back in service. In 2019, some regulations affecting *Balmoral* change and these will have an impact on many larger historic vessels. We are in longer term discussions about that with the Heritage Lottery Fund.

We are all her custodians for future generations. *Balmoral's* volunteers and helpers will do all they can, but if she is to remain operational, we need your help urgently. Over 2 million passengers have travelled on her since launch in 1949, and we have a saying on board 'Everyone loves *Balmoral*'. She is a small ship with a big heart and has been part of so many people's lives for nearly 70 years.

Thank you for what you have already done to support the ship. We will do the work to keep her in operation, but we can't do it without your further help, and we only have eight weeks to raise the money.

Please give what you can to preserve this historic ship and allow future generations to share the enjoyment that we have all had by being part of the *Balmoral* family.

Dave Bassett, Paul Doubler, Ross Floyd, Andrew Jardine, Richard Mills, Doug Naysmith, John Thomas, Trustees of MV *Balmoral*.

The holly and the ivy, and poinsettias, pine cones, winter cherries...

‘DECK the halls with boughs of holly’... or any greenery that you feel fits your festive creativity writes Sara Milne.

December is the time of year when the outside comes into the home in the form of foliage decoration and when gardeners can put their feet up, just for a few minutes!

If you can't source Christmas greenery from your own garden, then take a trip down to your local garden centre where you'll find just about everything you need – or go foraging.

Natural living decorations and table centrepieces are easy and 'eco friendly' to create, and often something all the family has a hand in putting together.

To give pots and planters a Christmas makeover, gather some wood, pine cones, and sprigs of fir or conifer to fill them with. At the bottom (especially if it's a tall pot) put some crunched up newspaper so you don't have to put as much in to fill the pot



A festive pot is easy to make.

with. Once done, place your wood around the edges, stuff the fir sprigs inside and add the pine cones.

Alternatively, try this for a naturally stunning centrepiece for the Christmas table: find a good terracotta container, fill it with compost and plant winter cherry in the centre.

Winter cherry is a wax-leaved plant with amazing cherry tomato-like berries. It's a popular Christmas plant, so should be widely available. Then around the winter cherry, plant a few small poinsettias

and some ivy.

If you want a display that is more silver and white than the traditional seasonal red, then try planting white cyclamen with silver leaved lavender and *Jacobaea maritime* (silver ragwort) and scatter small silver beads around the base of the plants.

For outside in the garden or a for patio display, plant a small living Christmas tree or conifer in a good sized pot and then surround it with brightly coloured ground cover cyclamen or heathers – truly magical!

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NEW TY HAFAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE WAS ONCE 'AN EXHAUSTED DAD'

WHEN exhausted dad Rob Jones first arrived at Tŷ Hafan in 2012, it was for a short break from the 24/7 care of his daughter Poppy, who has a life-limiting condition.

But after five years of receiving comfort, care and support from the children's hospice, the 50-year-old father-of-five from Crickhowell will now be heading the team he calls "our extended family", after recently being appointed chief executive.

A chartered accountant with both charity and commercial sector experience, Mr Jones will lead the charity as it continues to develop its services for children with life-limiting conditions and their families in homes and communities across Wales, as well as at its hospice in Sully, Vale of Glamorgan.

The charity's chairman Martin Davies welcomed Mr Jones to the role, adding that he would bring "a unique insight" to the charity's top job.

"Rob's extensive knowledge and experience, which spans both charity and commercial sectors will enable him to successfully steer the charity as we move towards increasingly providing services in families' homes and communities, as well as at the hospice, in an ever-changing environment.

"Rob has also experienced first-hand the difficulties faced by children with life-limiting conditions and their families, and the impact of hospice services on family life," said Mr Davies.

"This gives him an insight into where the charity needs to invest its

resources and how we can achieve our mission of providing the best possible standard of care to families across Wales, ensuring a short life is a full life."

As the father of a child with a life-limiting condition, Mr Jones, together with his wife Rachel, 48, and 12-year-old Poppy's siblings Izzy, 23, Sam, 21, Charlie, 17, and 14-year-old Alfie, felt the family had "no one to turn to in a crisis" and was "exhausted and desperate" by the time they were referred to the hospice, when Poppy was seven.

"When we arrived at Tŷ Hafan, we were exhausted and didn't know what to expect," said Mr Jones.

"You can spend a lot of time explaining your experiences to people and, unless people have actually experienced that, there's always a gap of understanding. At Tŷ Hafan, that understanding was immediate and we could just relax as a family and just be ourselves."

He added their first short break at the hospice was the "first time we were able to stay somewhere as a family" and "felt like a family holiday".

"My wife Rachel and I didn't have to get up in the night to look after Poppy, we had lovely home-cooked food and we could spend time with our three boys and our other daughter," he said.

But another way the charity has helped the Jones family is to support the family through the difficult times and to help them to make Poppy's life, however long that may be, full of joy, fun and precious moments with her loved ones.

"We were told Poppy wouldn't live to see her first birthday, then her fourth. She's now 12 and has done so many amazing things -

including taking part in Tŷ Hafan's Rainbow Run in a bathtub on wheels!" said Mr Jones.

"Tŷ Hafan has enabled my wife Rachel and I to embrace the situation with Poppy and we are making the most of it, turning it into something more positive and, hopefully, making a difference.

"For families like ours, the run-up to Christmas can be a scary time, as it's the time of year your child can be most susceptible to illness and hospital stays."

Since joining the charity, Mr Jones has been impressed by the dedication of not only the hospice's care team but their supporting departments at head office.

"Two things that have surprised me since I joined the team are how engaged the whole organisation is with the cause and how hard it is to deliver great care."

He added that his determination to help the charity provide the best possible care for families across Wales was driven by his experiences as a father.

"The biggest difference is perspective. When we're making decisions I always think, what will be the impact on families? That's not just financial, it's in the way we do things and the values and principles we work to," he said.

"My goal is for the care that we provide to become a right for every child and every family that needs it. The best place to receive care is actually in the family home.

"It's going to be quite a journey for us to achieve that, but it's what's best for families. In the meantime, we've got our fantastic hospice and our community team is growing.

"This is my single biggest achievement in my life; I will never top this. I have a level of determination that I wouldn't have if my job wasn't so important to me. It's a vocation."

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Rob joining in the fun at Tŷ Hafan's Dolled Up Day, complete with lilac ballgown and embarrassed daughter!



Poppy completing Tŷ Hafan's Rainbow Run fundraising event in a bathtub on wheels.



Poppy attending the hospice during one of the family's earlier visits.



Rob Jones with daughter Poppy on Tŷ Hafan's Snowdogs: Tails in Wales fundraising trail.

The day Pudsey came to Oak Field!



IT was a Spotacular Day at Oak Field Primary School this afternoon when Pudsey Bear made a secret visit!

The children who achieved 100 per cent attendance showed off their wristbands to Pudsey while he high fived members of staff and children alike.

A HUGE thank you to Barry Round Table who organised this fantastic visit.

Nicola Danielson

VALEWAYS GUIDED WALKS

ON Sunday, November 26, a Parks and Town walk will set off from Penarth cliff top car park at 2pm.

Santa's visiting Eglwys St John Baptist Church, Llanblethian (CF71 7JF) at 2pm on Sunday, November 26 - Pwy sy'n dwaaad dros y bryn?

On Wednesday, November 29 at 10.30am the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry meet at the Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

Meet the same day at the Physic Garden fountain in Cowbridge to join the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge at 2.30pm.

On Thursday, November 30 - 'We know where we are going!' - meet at the Sycamore Tree pub in Colwinston at 10am.

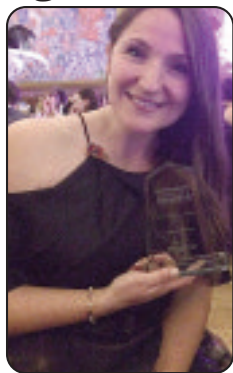
Barry woman's 'wedding award'

A YOUNG Barry mum was thrilled to win a top award at the Welsh National Wedding Awards at the Brangwyn Hall in Swansea.

Zoe O'Sullivan won the award for 'Best Wedding Cakes in Wales'. Zoe, who used to be a senior medical underwriter, runs the Vale Cake Boutique from her home studio in Barry.

"I started the business in 2013 so I could work from home and be around the children while they were still young.

"The business grew quite quickly and I was lucky enough to be able to take the business on full time in 2014. Since then we have gone from strength to strength and have big plans for the future."



Zoe with her award.

Christmas Tree fest

WESLEY Church Centre Tondur (the Methodist Church) will hold their Christmas Tree Festival and bazaar on Saturday, December 2 between 10am and 3pm.

Christmas trees provided by local organisations and decorated in a variety of themes will light up the church and in the hall will be stalls with refreshments and light lunches available.

On Wednesday, December 6 at 6pm, there is a carol service with contributions by Tondur Primary School choir. All are welcome to these events.

Remembrance Sunday in Maesteg

WHATEVER their age, whatever their rank, and whichever service – including the police – heads held high despite cold rain and brisk wind.

And, even if some of the older veterans are not quite as straight of back and fleet of foot, the moment the order for the parade to come to attention is given, they are all in their prime again, sharp of eye and firm of spirit.

The crowd, again made up of all ages, also braved the rain to pay their respects at the town's war memorial sited in front of St David's Church.

Maesteg War Memorial, a particularly moving example, depicts a soldier with rifle raised and bayonet fixed, standing over and defending his wounded comrade. Judging by the wounded figure's trenchcoat, he could be an officer, showing that the enemy's bullets, grenades and shells, made – indeed make – no distinction between ranks.

What is important is the man in front, to the left and the right and the one behind.

The memorial commemorates men lost in the First and Second World Wars, and in the Falklands War, 228 all told.

Photographs by Phil Davies, Scenic Gallery.



Labour 'tourism tax' causes opponents to join forces

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Suzy Davies, Welsh Conservative Assembly Member for South Wales West and chair of the Assembly's Cross Party Group on Tourism said: "Welsh Conservatives in the Assembly have already called on Welsh Government to rule out a Tourism Tax. Labour refused to back that motion and it is disappointing that locally the same appears to have happened with BCBC"

Mrs Davies added "As chair of the cross party group I have had a lot of businesses from across Wales raising concerns with me about the Welsh Government's proposals.

"Some have already stopped investing and are waiting to see what the outcome of this is.

"We know that some UK cities have considered a bed tax like this and have ruled it out, not least because, unlike

other countries, we have 20% VAT here."

Cllr Charles Smith, BCBC's cabinet member for education and regeneration said: "As the cabinet portfolio holder for tourism, I would say that this is the least likely of the Welsh Government's options for a new tax to find favour across Wales.

"I think most people would strongly support the alternative proposal of a tax on disposable plastics."

Cosmeston Park opens its brand new bridge



Firefighters dousing the flames at the bird hide.

A NEW bridge has been constructed near the medieval village at Cosmeston Country Park.

The original one was decommissioned for safety reasons.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "The project was completed with the valued help of the Cosmeston Volunteers' group and we welcomed Mr and Mrs Williams from Wenvoe (pictured, top) as the first visitors to use the bridge."

Fire

There was a fire at the park on Monday, November 13. A bird hide was destroyed.

Local rangers had to call the Fire Service to make the area safe.

Staff will now look into funding options for any future structure.

Did you help knit the giant daffodil for Marie Curie?

YOU may recall that last year, Marie Curie called on your help to help us create a giant daffodil mural from knitted squares, to be displayed at our Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth.

We were so grateful for the huge amount of support we had, with bags of the white and yellow squares donated to us at the hospice.

Staff nurse Gwyneth Davies has spent the past

few months putting the daffodil together onto hessian backing and having it framed.

We hope to be able to put the daffodil – the Marie Curie logo – in place before Christmas and would love those who were involved in its creation to attend its reveal.

If you helped in any way, contact the hospice on 029 2042 6000 and ask for Gwyneth Davies. **Gwyneth Davies, Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice, Penarth.**



An earlier table-top sale.

DPVC's minibus appeal holds a table top sale

DINAS Powys Voluntary Concern (DPVC), the charity that helps older residents in Dinas Powys is hosting a table top sale at Murchfield Community Centre on Saturday, December 2 between 1pm and 4pm.

A wide range of gifts, crafts, books and other goods will be on sale and refreshments and Joe's Ice Cream will be available.

Admission is free and this is a great opportunity to choose a unique Christmas present.

The previous event was a great success and tables are in great

demand and limited, so book early. Tables cost £5 for non-commercial organisations or £10 for commercial users.

This minibus is being replaced in 2018 after nine years of service and the new vehicle will cost more than £60,000. DPVC is grateful for the support it received from local organisations, individual donations and from fundraising by DPVC volunteers and

from great evenings like Rock&Chips in helping to make this possible.

To find out more about DPVC and the ways the charity helps the local community, or to book a table for the sale, contact the DPVC coordinators on 029 2051 3700 or call in the DPVC Office at Murchfield Community Centre. The website can be found at www.dpvc.org.uk.

FREE TAX ADVICE

DO you worry about your tax affairs? Do you know if you are paying the correct amount, or want help with form filling?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in information session on Monday, November 27 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. Come along and chat to retired professional tax advisers. Call 01446 732385 for further information; home visits can be arranged.

Volunteers praised for Vale's green spaces



Cllr Gordon Kemp with gardener Neil Gibbon and volunteers at Parade Gardens.

VOLUNTEERING groups in parks across the county have been praised for their ongoing hard work in maintaining the Vale's green spaces.

A six-week volunteer initiative was launched to help people volunteer in parks and open spaces all over the Vale, and organised by the housing services at the Vale Council and the parks and open spaces team, in conjunction with Vale Fireflies.

Vale Fireflies is a partnership between Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS), Vale Council Environment and Housing services, as well as a number of housing associations including Hafod, Newydd, Gwalia and Wales and West.

The Vale Fireflies team advise people on a number of issues such as volunteering opportunities across the county.

Victoria Park in Barry is one of three Vale Parks nominated by members of the public, for the Fields in Trust UK's Best Park, as voted by YOU! 2017 Award.

The lead gardener at Victoria Park, Mike Parsons, praised their two regular volunteers, Callum and Dawood.

Callum (23), volunteers one day at

Victoria Park and Dawood, originally from Syria, has been volunteering three days a week at the park for several months.

Mike Parsons said: "The guys are doing a great job, and we really appreciate what they do, and we want to thank them for everything. There is a great sense of community spirit here."

Neil Gibbon, the lead gardener at the Parade Gardens near Barry Island, has been overseeing a group of volunteers who have helped out three days a week over six weeks.

The group have been helping to cut down overgrown hedges, and maintain the area, before a new team takes over to carry on the good work over another six weeks.

The cabinet member for social care, health and leisure, Cllr Gordon Kemp said: "It is wonderful to see park volunteers enjoy maintaining the parks, and from meeting the teams and seeing how what they do every day, it is important that they are recognised for their hard work."

"Thank you to the gardeners and volunteers for everything they do, and I hope this can encourage more people to become involved in improving the community."

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (Y PORTH (RHAN) Y BONT-FAEN (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DROS DRO) 2017

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 14, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV o Atodlen 9 o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 o Ddeddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 (fel y diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn bwriadu, mewn dim llai na saith diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, gwneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlen isod: -

ATODLEN

Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg Dros Dro

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Ar ochr ogledd-ddwyrainol y ffordd o bwynt 35m i'r gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd ag Eagle Lane am 6m i'r gogledd-orllewin.

Ar ochr dde-orllewinol y ffordd o bwynt 15.5m i'r gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd a The Butts am bellter o 12.5m i'r gogledd-orllewin.

Yn ogystal caiff y Gorchymyn Traffig Ffordd a elwir yn Gorchymyn Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio (Gorfodi Sifil) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2013 ei atal yn rhannol fel a ganlyn:-

Y Porth, Y Bont-Faen

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Rheswm Er budd diogelwch y cyhoedd yn ystod gwaith dymchwel ac adeiladu newydd sy'n cael ei wneud wrth ymyl y Porth, y Bont-faen.

Hyd O 07.00am ar 4 Rhagfyr 2017 am hyd at 18 mis.

Dyddiedig 23 Tachwedd 2017.

M. E. Punter, Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenvo. CF5 6AA.



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (WESTGATE (PART) COWBRIDGE (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2017

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 14, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedule below: -

SCHEDULE

Temporary Prohibition of waiting at any time Westgate, Cowbridge

On the north eastern side of the road from a point 35m northwest of its junction with Eagle Lane for a distance of 6m in a north westerly direction. On the south western side of the road from a point 15.5m northwest of its junction with The Butts for a distance of 12.5m in a north westerly direction. In addition the Road Traffic Order known as the Vale of Glamorgan Council Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013 shall be suspended in part as follows:-

Westgate, Cowbridge

On the north eastern side of the road from a point 35m northwest of its junction with Eagle Lane for a distance of 6m in a north westerly direction.

Reason In the interests of public safety during demolition and new building works taking place adjacent to Westgate, Cowbridge.

Duration From 07.00am on 4th December 2017 for a maximum period of 18 months.

Dated this 23rd day of November 2017.

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



Where do boats go to die?

AT Barry Yacht Club on Thursday evening, November 16, we were to discover from Mr Paul Barnett the strange and somewhat eerie wonders that are the 'Purton Hulks'.

Paul opened his talk by inviting us all to contemplate the idea of where boats go to die. Like many, I considered the obvious in terms of sinking and being shipwrecked.

Paul explained that in instances they would be recorded, but many, and no doubt the majority of boats and ships, have no record as to what actually happened to them.

If they are retired, scrapped or broken up, there is no requirement under UK law for this to be recorded. This led Paul into the main thrust of his talk, which was his continuing fascination with the Purton Hulks.

Paul explained that in 1909, after some particularly stormy weather, the bank between the River Severn and the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal suffered a significant collapse.

There was an immediate concern that the canal was in serious danger of being



One of the 'Purton Hulks'.

breached, resulting in huge implications for one of the busiest waterways in the country, whose volume of traffic in 1905 had exceeded one million tons for the first time.

The canal was a significant artery in the region and a breach of it would have had significant consequences. An answer had to be found cheaply and as quickly as possible.

Paul explained that old ships and boats, including steel barges, 'Severn Trows,' and concrete ships were run aground at the site of the collapse and allowed to fill with water and silt.

At each tide, these old vessels became more and

more a part of the very bank itself and created perhaps one of the first examples of a tidal erosion barrier. Over the decades, more and more vessels from all over the British Isles ended their lives at this watery grave.

It is believed that as many as 80 craft now form what is known as the Purton Hulks or the Purton Ships' Graveyard. Paul pointed out that the area is officially the largest ship graveyard in mainland Britain. Although most are now buried in silt, there are still quite a number who give a hint above the tidal silt of the 'grand ladies' they once were.

It was clear to us all that the Purton Hulks

was not just a significant interest for Paul but a lifetime passion for him; from having played in the area as a child, to setting up the 'Friends of Purton' to stop the destruction that had been taking place at the site.

Paul knows that the site will not last forever because the elements will reclaim these boats and ships.

However, it is important to him that we should not hasten that day and that he will have done everything in his power to give the area as much protection as possible in order that nature, and nature alone, will make the final call.

Paul had an almost forensic insight as to the

history of the craft now beached at Purton. To him they are not old wrecks; they are not just a tidal barrier, or even the recycling of wood and timber to a new use.

They are the souls and memories of ships and boats that plied their trade through seas and rivers over the course of the last 100 years and more.

It was clear to us all how proud Paul was when he spoke of the monument that had been erected at the site which records all the names of the wrecks and the year they were beached there.

For Paul, these 'ladies' would now be remembered forever and honoured in a fitting fashion for the job they had done. They saved a major canal and a huge artery of the local economy.

For years, this was known by a few, but because of Paul and his colleagues at the Friends of Purton, they are now known to the many.

The next talk, on Thursday, November 23 at 8pm is 'Big Ships, Little Ships,' which is all about how Bristol Vessel Traffic Service control the passage of vessels in the Bristol Channel. For more information, call 07905 315 349. A warm welcome to all.

STEVEN LORD

Top level rugby – 110 years ago!



The 1907 Barbarians versus Penarth. The length of shorts seems to be down to individual preference! There's no truth in the suggestion that Penarth were asking for uncontested scrums!

A LOCAL historian, Brian Keith of Penarth, recently discovered a number of fascinating old photographs of the area – taken by a relative more than 100 years ago!

Brian explained: "Over 100 years ago, my great grandfather, John Lewis, lived in the Penarth area and was a very keen photographer.

"A collection of the glass plates he took circa 1905 to 1910 have come down to us and provide a glimpse of what interested him all that time ago.

"The subject matter covers a number of locations in the Vale, in particular Barry, Penarth, Wenvoe and Llantwit Major.

This week's photo has a sporting flavour, and

could well be the oldest image taken of the Barbarians on tour, taking on Penarth RFC on Good Friday, the first leg of the famous Easter tour.

The demands of modern rugby has killed off that tour, of course, but here they are pictured in action on the Stanwell Road ground (at the rear of Victoria Junior School), on Good Friday 1907.

Penarth had the good fortune of having beaten the Baa Baas three times in a row between 1904 and 1906, but the records show they lost this one by the narrow margin of 3 points to 8.

Brian told The GEM: "This glass plate had been broken, but thanks to the expertise of Davies Colour Ltd, East Tyndall Street, Cardiff, the reproduction is now as good as new!

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 11) 2017

1. Ar 20 Tachwedd 2017 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill Orchymyn i addasu'r cyfyngiadau parcio fel y disgrifir isod:

2. Bydd y Gorchymyn yn dod i rym ar 27 Tachwedd 2017 neu ar y dyddiadau y mae'r arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd mewn lle, pa un bynnag yw'r hwyraf, ac fe gaiff ei alw'n "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygiad) (Rhif 11) 2017"

3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynlluniau sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd y mae'n bosib yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

4. Os ydych am gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'r darpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r bwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail nas cydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw un o ofnyon y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r perwyl hwn o fewn chwe wythnos o 27 Tachwedd 2017.

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Dyddiedig 23 Tachwedd 2017

M. E. Punter
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 11) ORDER 2017

1. On the 20th November 2017 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is to amend the parking restrictions as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 27th November 2017 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 11) Order 2017"

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 27th November 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

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Dated this 23rd day of November 2017.

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
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News in brief

The Rhooose History Society

RHOOSE and District History Society will host a talk by Harold Williams, the topic to be: The Life of the Honey Bee.

This will take place on Friday, November 24 at 7.30pm in the rear hall of Rhooose Community Centre, Stewart Road.

Tickets £1, children 50p (under 16). Following the talk the committee will host the traditional pre-Christmas buffet.

The aims and purpose of the society are: to foster interest in the history of Rhooose and District; to promote research into its history, customs, traditions and residents; to recover and preserve documents and other records of the area; to make and preserve a visual, written and sound record of the region's past and present for posterity and to encourage the preservation of ancient rights, sites, buildings and footpaths.

If you would like to become a member, apply at a meeting giving contact details. Membership costs £5 per annum.

Almost £4,000 raised during Charities Week at Porthcawl Comprehensive – *and they're still counting!*

THE youth of today are so often maligned and criticised, and seldom given the praise that they deserve.

At Porthcawl Comprehensive School, however, following an exhaustive five days of commitment, enthusiasm and energy on the part of the students, the Head Team raised almost £4,000 during Charities Week, and money is still coming in.

As each day went by, the fundraising gathered momentum with the keenly anticipated fancy dress day for Children in Need on November 17 being the pinnacle of the week.

As well as the old favourites like 'I'm a Teacher...Get me out of here!', The Great British Bake Off, the Lip Synch Battle and Strictly Come Dancing, pupils also introduced Sponge the Teacher.

All events were performed to packed audiences of delighted pupils.

Thanks go to pupils and staff for contributing so wholeheartedly to this campaign and congratulations to the extraordinary young people on raising an impressive amount of money for charity.

As well as Children in Need, chosen charities this year include The Sandville, Porthcawl Stroke Club, Trinity Care and Support, Follow Your Dreams, Velindre, Girlguiding, PSPA, Action on Hearing Loss, Macmillan and the RNLI.

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ABOVE: The ever-popular 'Sponge the Teacher'.



ABOVE: Teachers in the Lip-Synch Battle – or maybe Strictly?



A Bake-Off triumph – or a soggy bottom?



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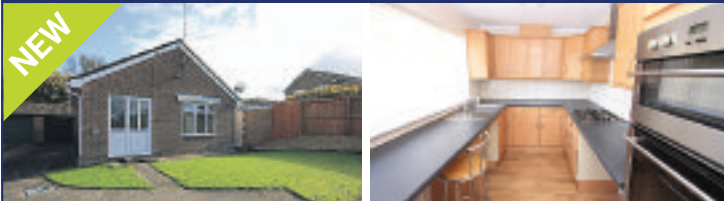


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STOICISM AND PRIDE IN PORTHCAWL



WITH dignity, Stoicism and quiet pride, and in the face of a chill wind and hard rain, people of all ages gathered in Porthcawl on November 12 to remember members of HM Armed Forces killed, or whose lives were and have irrevocably altered, in service of their country.



Dramatic rescue for stranded Port Talbot pup



The rescue under way.



Miracle – rescued.
A DRAMATIC seal pup rescue has been completed in Port Talbot, which an RSPCA Cymru inspector has described as the 'most technical' he has ever been involved with.

The seal pup was trapped between heavy rocks and boulders by a sea wall near the town's steelworks – known locally as Aberavon Pier. Access to the seal was difficult, and the rescue took planning including detailed consultation with specialists as to what engineering options may exist.

RSPCA Cymru worked with a number of agencies to complete the rescue, including Associated British Ports, Sea-Lift Diving, British Divers' Marine Life

Rescue, RNLI and Neath Port Talbot Council.

Boulders weighing more than a tonne had to be moved to secure access to the trapped seal.

The circumstances leading to the rescue led to bystanders nick-naming the seal 'Miracle'.

Once the boulder was moved, rescuers took hold of the seal with a grasper, and place the animal into a 'vari-kennel'.

A welfare assessment of the seal was then undertaken, before it was transferred to specialist wildlife facilities in Taunton. A period of rehabilitation will now ensue, ahead of an anticipated return to the wild in the future.

AWARD DELIGHT FOR LOCAL TEAM

A COMMUNITY group in Bridgend has been named Groundwork's 'best contribution to environmental sustainability' winner at the inaugural Groundwork Community Awards, a ceremony designed to recognise and celebrate the work of local community 'heroes'.

Community Furniture Aid has been awarded for their work in making the local area a 'better, greener and healthier place to live'.

Community Furniture Aid (CFA) is a small charity that provides relief and assistance for people in need in the county borough of Bridgend and surrounding areas who are poor or in housing need, by supplying them with furniture and household items at a nominal cost.

This helps restore the

dignity of people who have had to start again from scratch.

To date, CFA works with more than 30 agencies including Womens Aid, the Wallich, Age Concern and the local council among many others.

Working alongside FareShare, food parcels are also offered to help ease the financial burden when clients move into a totally empty property.

Run and manned by a dedicated team of unpaid volunteers, this small team has fully furnished 285 homes in Bridgend county borough over the last three years.

Over 800 collections of public donations equating to 140-plus tonnes of household items have been saved from going to waste. Since its inception, no family or individual has returned to use the service again and all have moved on with their lives.

Speaking about



Community Furniture Aid receive its Groundworks Award.
Photo by Brendan Foster Photography

winning the award, Marianne Cash, community furniture aid secretary, said: "To be recognised alongside so many inspirational community groups who are doing great things to improve the lives of those in their own regions was wonderful. "Winning this award has given us renewed

focus and we hope we can use this recognition to continue raising the awareness of hidden poverty and the need for greater environmental sustainability, and reuse of furniture and household items for people in poverty on a national and a local level."

Graham Duxbury,

with the right amount of support, dedication and passion that you really can make a difference.

"We are delighted to have been able to celebrate Community Furniture Aid's achievements and wish them every success going forward in continuing to be a positive and inspiring voice and example for local people."

The awards received more than 250 nominations in its inaugural year, reflecting what a spokesperson called "the huge diversity of projects and services being delivered by community volunteers."

GEM NOTE: This story originally appeared in the November 16 edition of The GEM, but was incomplete due to a printing error.

Graham added: "The group has proven that



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Taylor Wimpey site manager wins award

STEVE NORTHAM of Taylor Wimpey South Wales was honoured for his dedication to building homes of exceptional quality before an audience of over 400 in the second round of the annual NHBC Pride in the Job Awards for his sit, Golv y Môr in the Vale.

Now in its 37th year, Pride in the Job, organised by NHBC, the UK's leading new home warranty insurance provider, is the most highly regarded competition in the house-building industry dedicated to recognising site managers who achieve the highest standards in house building.

Judging for the awards is rigorous, with each site manager assessed across 44 areas of site management, including technical knowledge, consistency in the build process and the quality controls in place.

Steve was selected from more than 16,000 UK site managers, and is one of three to be recognised at a ceremony held at Cardiff City Hall.

Commenting on the Awards, Paul Edwards, NHBC Regional Director



Steve Northam with his award.

said: "Every year, the NHBC Pride in the Job Awards give us the chance to recognise the dedication of the UK top site managers and their commitment to new home quality."

"Last year NHBC registered over 4,500 new homes in Wales, it is site managers like Steve who play an important role in delivering these, while pushing up the standards of new homes, through their persistence, passion and a commitment to build homes of the highest quality for their customers and we wish them all the success in the future."

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop will hold a fair at The Arts Gallery in Barry Library on Tuesday, November 28.

The fair will be opened by Cllr Janice Charles, the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, at 10am. Entry is £1.50 to include unlimited tea and coffee (children free).

There is a wide range of attractive stalls and Christmas gifts. The craft group who meet on Monday mornings have lots of lovely home made gifts to purchase and there will be many Christmas stalls, cake stall, bric-a-brac, Tombola and more.

A grand prize draw offers prizes including a Manor House Meal for Two and a voucher for Head Office. All proceeds of the fair to benefit the Senior Health Shop. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

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Cefn Glas teenager in line for sport award



Jodie Coupland (centre) with Dame Kelly Holmes (left) and 'Get on Track' mentor Philippa Tuttiatt (right).

YOUTH GAME PROMISES TO BE A CRACKER!

REIGNING Ospreys A League champions Bridgend Athletic youth host last season's runners-up Pontardulais Youth at Newbridge Fields this Saturday, November 25, kick-off 1pm.

Pontardulais were narrowly beaten in last season's final of the Welsh Youth Cup by Rumney from the Cardiff Blues region, the club the Athletic defeated to win the Welsh Regions National League final.

The Athletic, again lead by head coach Lee Grabham and Kevin Gamble, are currently unbeaten this

season, having won all four league games with bonus points and head the table with 20 points.

Likewise, Pontardulais have won all their three games, two with bonus points to gain 14 league points. Both teams are through to the third round of this season's Welsh Youth Cup.

With both sides well represented in the Ospreys under-18s Academy side, it promises to be a keenly contested fixture showcasing perhaps future stars of the game, and even at this stage of the season could define the outcome of the league.

It should be a great prelude to the later Wales v All Blacks fixture.

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Bridgend Bridge Club latest news

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, November 15. Children in Need: First, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne; Second, Rob Forman and Alan Heath; Third, David Bowen and Geoff Barnes. The winners on handicap were Ann Fox and Keith Davison.

The club collected £220 for Children in Need.

Thursday, November 16: First, Rosalie Clode and David Newman; Second, Gareth Jenkins and Mike Williams;

Third, Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks. The winners on handicap were Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks.

Friday, November 17: First, Irene Thomas and Keith Davison; Second, Tony Disney and Jenny Vaughan; Third, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans. The winners on handicap were Irene Thomas and Keith Davison.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Noltan Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes

early. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Noltan Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome. New on Thursdays at 1pm there is a lesson about a bridge topic – this week it is on reverse bidding and continuations.

There will also be a talk after the bridge on how some of the hands should have been bid or played; these are both free. For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

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A TEENAGER from Cefn Glas has been shortlisted in the 'Inspiring Young Person of the Year' category at the prestigious Wales Sports Awards.

Nineteen-year-old Jodie Coupland is in the running for an award after flourishing through her involvement in Wales' first ever 'Get on Track' programme, run by the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust and supported locally by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), with additional funding provided by players of the People's Postcode Lottery.

Jodie is one of three shortlisted nominees in her category and will be attending the awards ceremony at the Celtic Manor Resort on Monday, December 4.

She said: "I can't believe it. I'm absolutely amazed. I'm so grateful for the support I've received and I'm really looking forward to the awards evening and the chance to meet some massive sports stars."

Jodie took part in the 'Get on Track' programme last year, joining a group of other local participants aged 16 to 24. From their base at the Bridgend Life Centre, the group were exposed to a range of new experiences, became involved in voluntary work, and were taught interview techniques and how to write up CVs.

'Get on Track' uses elite athletes as role models to inspire them to make more positive life choices, and Jodie was mentored by Wales women's rugby international Philippa Tuttiatt.

Jodie came out of 'Get on Track' a much more focused person and, in addition to gaining a part-time job, she has since volunteered her time to promote and deliver the same programme in other parts of south Wales.

Bridgend sporting memories

'MY Sporting Days', a project aimed at tackling loneliness and social isolation among older people, has been launched in Bridgend county borough.

The project, by Awen Cultural Trust and Bridgend County Borough Council, will use a shared enjoyment of sport to spark memories, conversations and new friendships during weekly sessions

Jodie added: "Get on Track changed my life in so many ways and I could never thank Philippa, the rest of Dame Kelly Trust's team, and BCBC enough for all the help they've given me."

Cllr Huw David, the Leader of BCBC said: "We were very proud to be the first local authority to host the Get on Track programme in Wales last year, helping young people from a range of backgrounds."

"Within eight months of our first Get on Track programme, 72 per cent of the young people were in employment, education or training."

"There are many success stories from the programme and we are absolutely thrilled that Jodie is getting this recognition. Everything has come full circle for her – after she benefited so much from mentorship she has now become a role model herself and is an inspiration to those who meet and work with her."

"Well done Jodie and good luck at the Wales Sports Awards."

The Wales Sports Awards are organised by Sport Wales and BBC Wales to celebrate not only elite performances but also the impact that volunteers, coaches, and organisations are having on community sport in Wales.

Lawrence Conway, chair of Sport Wales commented: "Every year our expert panel of judges face the difficult task of selecting their finalists, and the calibre of this year's candidates made it just as challenging. We have an inspiring mix of projects and people from a range of backgrounds dedicated to delivering sport and recreational activity in the community."

For further details, visit www.walesportawards.co.uk.

Hard-fought win sees Cowbridge's unbeaten run maintained!

COWBRIDGE RFC were looking to extend their unbeaten league run as they took another trip up the Rhondda Valley, this time for an early kick off against Ferndale RFC prior to the Wales v Georgia game that afternoon.

Several forced changes meant this was going to be a good challenge against these tough opponents who, despite being 10 places lower in the league, have run many sides close this season.

Despite the poor conditions, both sides tried to run the ball and test each other but it was Cowbridge that struck first with a well-taken penalty after six minutes.

The high tempo continued and on 23 minutes a long clearance kick was knocked on by Ferndale on the halfway line and it was Cowbridge who were quicker to react, kicking the loose ball ahead.

It was again misfielded by the home team and another kick through saw a certain try stopped illegally and Cowbridge were awarded a penalty try for a 10-0 lead.

The next score was Ferndale's when they were awarded a penalty following a collapsed scrum on the half hour.

The remainder of the half saw Cowbridge pressing deep in the Ferndale half but some resolute home defence kept them out.

The second half saw veteran Kieron David enter the fray for the hard-working Aaron Bowman as the Cowbridge pack increasingly started to dominate the scrum and control possession for long periods.

They were expertly marshalled by young scrum half Hywel Williams, but as the conditions worsened and the number of handling errors increased, some promising passages of play came to nothing.

There were, however, a couple of good breaks by the backs, with Tom James and Tom Harrison leading the charge, gaining important territorial advantage.

The Cowbridge pack then kept up the pressure with a determined 'pick and drive' game but were repeatedly thwarted by a tireless home defence,

who were boosted by a couple of questionable penalties, enabling them to clear their lines.

Following a penalty each, and with Cowbridge missing a couple of kicks at goal, the score was still just 13-6 going into the last 10 minutes.

Cowbridge continued to attack and Tom James came close to scoring after chasing a good kick through. From the resulting five-metre scrum the Cowbridge pack drove over the line for a try to seal the game, but for some reason it was not awarded.

The following scrum was again driven over the line by Cowbridge but, for reasons unknown to this correspondent, the home side were awarded a penalty and again cleared their lines.

Cowbridge were soon again camped on the Ferndale try line and were eventually awarded their own penalty to finally secure the game at 16-6 and deservedly extend their unbeaten league run.

As expected, this was a tough encounter in poor conditions and credit goes to both teams for providing the supporters with at least one entertaining game to watch that day!

At the same time, the youth got back to winning ways with a fine 27-15 victory at home against Aberdare.

Cowbridge's points came from tries by centre Max Cunningham, flanker Ellis Reed and full back Evan Williams. Evan also converted all three tries and added two penalties. Well done to both sides.

The annual Beaulouis night was held at the clubhouse last Thursday and was a great success. Many thanks to Wyn Davies for sorting out the wine, president Lynn Thomas and 'first lady' Liz for the fine buffet and Chris Rees for the entertaining quiz.

This Friday, all being well, the firsts will travel to Treherbert for a rearranged fixture under lights, kick-off 7pm – check with the club Thursday evening for confirmation.

Finally, there are still a few seats available on the club bus to Cardiff this Saturday, departing at 3pm and returning an hour after the final whistle. Please contact with the club Thursday evening to book a seat.

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Magic Max helps the Llantwit Major reserves to a gr-eight win!

L L A N T W I T MAJOR managed to produce a performance to blow Barry Albion away by winning 8-2 after being 2-1 down after 20 minutes.

A kit clash and a few sore heads were added to the list of concerns before kick off as both teams wore red. Fortunately, a change of kit was made for the home side (Albion) to get the game underway.

The game started poorly with mistakes from both sides; Rob Kemp and Andy Shaw saw early hope as they linked up well, only to see Shaw's shot brushing the outside of the post.

Finally, the first goal came as a free kick from Gethin Jennings hit the inside of the right post to fall to goal-hungry Max Morgan to find the net.

With the Albion defence playing deep, this drew Llantwit forward to hunt for their second goal, and Albion capitalised on this as winger Perry scored twice as the game swung 2-1 to the home side against the run of play.

Llantwit remained calm and continued to keep possession to create gaps in the oppositions defence. This saw captain Phill Grafton stepping in to midfield from defence to run at the Albion back line and resulted in Jennings finally adding to the score as he knocked the ball past the keeper to level the scores.

Moments later, the reserve side were back in the lead as Morgan doubled his tally with a diving header from a Jennings corner.

The second half saw Rob Kemp replaced due to injury. Chris Vinson stepped in to make an

instant impact as his pace caused the opposition issues, and he eventually added to the scoresheet as he found the bottom corner of the net.

With their tails up, Llantwit shifted through the gears as left back Aaron Wrigley and the extremely talented Josh Morgan started to link up before Max Morgan completed his hat-trick with a 25 yard screamer. Shaw completed the demolition after fans' favourite Lee Tracey had scored from the spot.

The result still sees the Major in third place with three games in hand over leaders Cadroxton Barry. On Saturday the reserves will host BVFC.

Team: Davies, Cutter, Wrigley, Grafton, Tracey, Mawhinney, Jennings, Shaw, J Morgan, M Morgan, Kemp. Subs: Vinson, James-Isaac, Grahame. Man of the match: M Morgan.

JT

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Family Notices

DEEDI GLENNY (Née Malone)

Free spirit and beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend. Passed away at home on Friday, 10th November.

She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her.

Deedi will be laid to rest on Thursday, 30th November. Family and friends are invited to celebrate her life at the St Quentin's Suite, Bear Hotel, Cowbridge from 1pm on that day.

PROTHEROE Glenys Megan

Peacefully on 19 November at Llandough Hospital, after a short illness, bravely borne, Glenys, aged 84 years, passed away.

She will greatly missed by all family and friends.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Llandough Hospital for the care she received during her short stay. Glenys has donated her body to medical science. A remembrance dinner will be arranged in the near future.

HEWITSON Norma Jean (Née Robson)

18.11.1941 - 14.11.2017

Passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on 14th November, aged 75 years, after a long illness bravely borne. Devoted wife of Brian, adored mum of Dean, Dale, Donna, Darryl and Deri. Loved daughter of the late Norman and Doris and sister of Anne and the late Lyndon. Loving mum-in-law, cherished nanny and great grandma.

Norma will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Independent Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. Funeral service Friday, 1st December at 10am at All Saints Church, Barry, followed by cremation at 11am at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only by request, donations may be made at the service, in memory of Norma, to the Alzheimer's Association.

GRIFFIN Terence Albert

(RD RNR SBSU)

On 19th November, aged 92, our beloved Terry passed peacefully into God's keeping. Loved and missed by his wife Maureen, his children, grand children and great grandchildren.

'An officer and a true gentleman' 'til the end.'

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Tuesday, 28th November, service 11am at St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Barry, followed by interment 12.30pm at Porthkerry Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, to SSAFA c/o the funeral director.

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The application is for:

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Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to: The Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4FL, or by email to licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. Representations received after this date will not be considered.

A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make false statements in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000.

Signed: R.E. Quinn

TOWN CLERK

Date: 21 November 2017

LICENSING ACT 2003

Section 17 (5)

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SHEPHERD Johnanna Noreen

Peacefully on 9th November at Brocste Manor Nursing Home, aged 71. Loving wife to Victor, loving mother to Christian and Jodie. Loving Grandmother to Brandon, James, Daniel and Holly.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors until her service on 29th November at 11am, Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, to LATCH.

RANDALL Conni

Peacefully after a short illness on 10th November, Conni, much loved wife of John, loving sister and aunty.

She will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service on Monday, 27th November at 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Bros, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major, CF32 0SB or donations may be sent to the British Heart Foundation, Sophia House, 28 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9LJ.

ROSSER David John

Suddenly on 10th November, David of Woodstock Gardens, Pencoeed. Much loved husband of Kirsty, devoted daddy to Sophia, loving son of the late Jill and John Rosser, The Paddocks, Ystradowen, and a dear son-in-law to Sandra and Alun.

David will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends.

Funeral Thursday, 30th November. Service at St. Canna's Church, Llangan at 2pm, followed by interment in the graveyard. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu may be made to The Samaritans c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2, Hilda House, The Square, Pencoeed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

HAVARD Gwyneth

Passed away peacefully, aged 88, on 11th November at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital. Devoted wife to Bryn, loving mother to Annie and John, much loved nan to Emma and Natasha, loving sister to Malcolm and Kenny. Gwyneth was well known locally through her close association with the Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society.

Her vibrant personality and indomitable spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Private family cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend, followed by a service of thanksgiving for the life of Gwyneth, at 1.15pm on Monday, 27th November at Holy Cross, Cowbridge. Family flowers only; donations in lieu to Parkinson's UK via the Funeral Directors, W James & Sons, Chapel of Rest, Fommon, Rhosce, CF62 3BJ.

BROWN Paul Gareth

Suddenly but peacefully at home in Pembrokehire on Monday, 13th November, aged 57 years. Paul, much loved by Andy, Enfy, Jane and all his family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 30th November at 2.45pm. Family flowers only.

SANDES

Delia May (Née Coombs)

It is with great sadness that Delia, aged 86 years, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, 14th November 2017. She leaves her husband of 40 years, Desmond. She will be forever remembered by brothers Charlie and Kenneth, sisters Carol and Margaret, and was predeceased by Hilda, Doreen, Jean and daughter Julie. She will also be lovingly missed by her children Myra, Jaci, Irene, Christopher and Caroline, as well as her many grandchildren from five generations, relatives and friends of whom she loved dearly.

The funeral service will be held at Barry Crematorium on Monday, 27th November 2017 at 12 noon, followed by a celebration of her life at the Glenbrook Inn, Barry at 1pm.

No flowers are requested - any donations in memory of Delia will go to Cancer Research. Brightly coloured clothing is encouraged.

SULLIVAN Jeremy Mark

Suddenly at home on 11th November, Jeremy, well known of Colcot, Barry and a beloved dad, grandfather and brother of the late Joanne. A loving son of Marian and David Snelling.

Jeremy will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, 1st December at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations may be made at the service or via Jeremy's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are welcome to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations received to support Diabetes UK.

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Art students receive prizes and praise from Arts Group

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School's annual art exhibition, held at the Old Hall Community Centre recently, with the support of the Vale Council, was well received by members of the public who commented on the very high standard of the work displayed.

As usual, The Cowbridge Arts Group judge the pieces and award the winners with certificates and cheques, which are presented in the art department.

This year, the students chose their own personal projects following a foundation phase in school, including organised workshops and visits to galleries, which always result in a varied collection.

The prize winners were as follows: first prize went to Samantha Phelps, who chose a subject close to her heart (her grandad's vintage and classic motorcycle



Sam Phelps, Olivia Davies and Libby Williams

collection) as her personal project.

As well as an interest in art, Sam also enjoys music and drama which will stand her in good stead in her chosen career of production design.

Second prize was won by Olivia Davies, who

chose family portraits (in particular her younger sister) as her personal project and is applying to higher education courses in illustration.

The third prize went to Libby Williams, who chose printmaking and etching of local structures and landscapes

as her personal project. She has applied to higher education courses in architecture.

The school wishes them all the very best of luck for the future, and thanks to the Cowbridge Arts Group for their continued support.

CL

Skaters launch capital's Winter Wonderland



The skaters appeared at Christmas events in Cardiff and Swansea.

CARDIFF National Ice Skating Club, which includes members from the Vale, did a routine on Cardiff's Winter Wonderland opening night.

They opened it along with the Cardiff Devils on November 8.

They then travelled to Swansea on November 17 to the

opening night of Winter Wonderland there, to do the same routine on their ice rink.

There were two groups of children – one of 17 dancing to Kylie Minogue's '100 Degrees'.

The other group of eight children danced to a lovely Christmas song just to get people in the Christmas spirit.

The ages ranged from six years of age to 17 years old.

The club meets at Cardiff National Ice Rink on Saturday mornings from 7.45am to 8.45am. Members had a few extra rehearsals on a Wednesday night for the

routine to come together in just a few weeks.

Children and adults come from all over south Wales to attend the club on a Saturday morning.

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St Donat's Choral

ST DONAT'S Choral's Gloria concert takes place on Saturday, December 9 at 7.30pm in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major.

The choral offers Christmas cheer with carols and Christmas songs for everyone to join in with.

Under new MD Eugene Monteith and accompanied by a brass ensemble, the choir will perform pieces by Handel and Rutter, among others.

Tickets (£10 for adults, £5 for anyone in full-time education) can be obtained from choir members, from Nickelby's bookshop or on the door on the evening.

The choral practices on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Ysgol y Ddraig in Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major. Open to all – there are no auditions, you simply must enjoy singing all kinds of music!

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UPPER OGMORE PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS WIND FARM & ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT



Garneg Lloyd Hill Wind Farm, Powys, height to tip 123m (the illustration is only for illustrative purposes only)

RES is exploring the potential for a wind farm of up to 8 turbines and an energy storage project at Upper Ogmere, between Abergwynt, Blaengarw and Nant-y-moel, in Bridgend County. It is anticipated that the wind farm could be capable of generating approximately 24 megawatts (MW) of clean, green and renewable electricity – enough to power approximately 21,000 homes, equivalent to the annual consumption of 33% of the households in Bridgend County.

We are keen to engage with the local community and as part of our pre-application consultation we are holding public exhibitions in the local area to enable people to find out more about the proposal and provide us with their views.

If you cannot attend, comments on the proposal must be provided by phone 029 2002 1074 or writing to Chris Jackson, Project Manager via email at upperogmore@res-group.com or by post at RES, Cedar House, Greenwood Close, Cardiff Cate Business Park, Cardiff, CF23 8RD.

TUESDAY

28th November 2017
10 am to 2 pm
Gwynfa Miners Community Hall, Jersey Road, Blaengarw
4pm to 8pm
Nantymoel RFC, 82-84 Ogwy Street, Nantymoel

WEDNESDAY

29th November 2017
10 am to 2 pm
Cwmparc Community Centre & Parc Hall, Parc Road, Cwmparc
4pm to 8pm
Blaengarw Workmen's Hall, Blaengarw

Persons submitting comments in response to the Pre-Application Consultation are advised that comments submitted to RES at this time are not representative of the determining authority. There will be no opportunity to submit representative comments to the determining authority should a planning application be made. The homes equivalent figure has been calculated by taking the predicted annual electricity generation of the site (based on RES studies Upper Ogmere has a predicted capacity factor of 41.5%) and dividing this by the annual average electricity consumption figures from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (2015) (4,071 kWh).



Rhoose Lifeguards receive funding boost for equipment

R H O O S E Lifeguards have this week received the news that they have been recognised by the UK Government as an outstanding lifeboat charity and will by extension be pocketing a slice of the £1 million of UK Government funding available to boost search and rescue efforts.

Rhoose Lifeguards join a further four lifeboat charities across the length and breadth of Wales who are set to receive this UK Government funding. The Rhoose club, who will receive £5,679 are looking to spend the

funding on a new motor for their current lifeboat, and other vital maritime equipment that will complement their training programme.

Upon hearing the news of Rhoose Lifeguards being granted the funding, Simon Perry, vice captain said: "Having this government grant means we can replace our ageing equipment ensuring we can provide a more reliable voluntary lifeboat service to the community in Rhoose. It will also allow us to engage more young people in the sport and spread the message about first aid and safety at the seaside."

Vale MP Alun Cairns added: "I am delighted that this great local club is set to receive such a

substantial sum. Rhoose Lifeguards carry out fantastic work in training lifesavers of all ages and it is always a pleasure to witness how engaged even their youngest members are in the

maritime activities. "Visiting the club to congratulate them on receiving this recognition, it was clear to see how much enjoyment the club gives to its numerous 'nippers'

and 'juniors'. Rhoose Lifeguards is a thoroughly deserving recipient of this funding and I look forward to seeing how it will help them develop and grow as a club."

The Barry and District League table and results

HERE are the latest results from the Barry and District League:

CRIB DIVISION 1:
West End 6, Moors Boys 9; West End Runaways 7, Liberals 8; Wyndham Cons 11, Rhoose Social 4.

LEAGUE TABLE:
West End Runaways 73; Liberals 72; Wyndham Cons 70; Cadoxton Cons 62; Rhoose Social 58; West End 58; Moors Boys 57.

SKITTLES
DIVISION 1: Slammers 5, Cambrian Flyers 2; Sea View B 6, Rugby Club 1; Allsorts 3, Rhoose Social 4; Barry Town FC 4, Rhoose Social B 3; Liberals A 5½, Rhoose Social C 6, Liberals C 1; West End D 4½, King William XII 2½.

LEAGUE TABLE:
Rugby Club 44.5, West End D 39.0, King William XII 34.5, West End C 34.0, Rhoose Social B 33.0, Allsorts 31.0, Slammers 31.0, Rhoosters 30.0, hoose Social A 29.0, Sea View C 26.0, Liberals A 25.0, Barry Town FC 23.0, Cambrian Flyers 22.0, Liberals C 20.5, *Barries Boys 11.0.

DIVISION 1:
Services Social B 1, Cadoxton Cons Z 4; Savoy B 2, Wyndham Cons A 3; Cadoxton Cons B 2, Savoy A 3; Penarth Cons A 1, West End C 4.

LEAGUE TABLE:
Harbour B 39, Savoy A 30, Cadoxton Cons Z 27, Wyndham Cons A 26, West End C 24, Services Social B 22, Savoy B

17, Liberators 15, Rhoose Social B 15, Penarth Cons A 12.

SNOOKER
DIVISION 2: Cadoxton Misfits 5, Penarth Cons B 0; Castle A 2, Market Street B 3; Sully Sports A 4, West End B 1; Rhoose Social C 1, Cadoxton Cons A 4, Market Street C 3, Wyndham Cons D 2, West End A 2, Harbour A 3.

LEAGUE TABLE:
Cadoxton Misfits 36, Rhoose Social C 34, Market Street B 33, Market Street C 29, Harbour A 28, Wyndham Cons D 28; Cadoxton Cons A 27, West End A 27, Penarth Cons B 24, Sully Sports A 22, West End B 22, Castle A 15.

* = Points deducted.
All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk.

Another win for in-form Evan

EVAN WILLIAMS' six-year-old Present Times landed the opening Premier League Handicap Hurdle at Exeter on Wednesday, November 15, when scoring by one-and-a-quarter lengths from the strongly fancied

ForgettingTheSmall Talk. Partnered by Adam Wedge, *Present Times*, who was racing for the first time this season, was winning for the third time on the bounce and was a 16-1 outsider.

TIM'S WOLVERHAMPTON WINNER

VALE trainer Tim Vaughan saw his *Bleu Et Noir* land the Betway Live Casino Maiden Stakes over one mile, one furlong and 104 yards at Wolverhampton last Saturday evening.

Bleu Et Noir, a 15-8 chance, and at six the oldest horse in the race, was ridden by K T

O'Neill and finished six lengths in front of the favourite *Luminous*.

BRACE OF WINS FOR BRACE

DAVID BRACE of the Dunraven Stud, Pyle, Bridgend, who saw his 16-year-old grandson Connor Brace have his first race rides at the Bishops Court Club Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Bishops Court Ottery, St Mary, on Sunday had plenty to smile about.

For as well as seeing Connor taking fourth place in the conditions race on *Silver Token* and second place on *William Money* in the mixed open race, he came away with a double after his *Doc Cody* had landed the restricted race and his *Colorado Doc* the conditions race.

Both were ridden by Bradley Gibbs and there was further success for Wales when Sherree Lean's *Moreeue* won the intermediate under champion jockey Will Biddick.

BRIAN LEE

The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

PREMIER DIVISION leaders Barry Athletic needed a last gasp equaliser from Connor Caton to salvage a point against bottom side Cowbridge Town in a 1-1 draw.

Athletic stay top of the league, two points ahead of St Athan who trounced Penarth Town 5-1 with Craig Howells bagging a treble, and St Athan do have a game in hand on the leaders.

FC Barry Belgrade edged out Island Marine 3-2 to go third, Belgrade now two points off second having played two games less.

In Division One, Sully Sports continued to dominate as they picked up a 2-0 derby victory over Cogan Coronation. The win keeps Sully undefeated and seven points clear of SP Billy.

SP kept in touch with the leaders after coming from behind to defeat Penarth Town B 5-2, Lee Carter, Steven Coxon and Richard Drew the goalscorers.

Cwm Talwg picked up their first win since August over the same opposition as that last win, as they downed Cadoxton Imps 5-2 with goals courtesy of James Morrison, Luke Brody Miles and Josh Kirke.

Cardiff Airport and Tynewydd played a goalless draw.

In Division Two, bottom side Glenbrook picked up their very first points of the season, and their first league win in a year, and they did it in some fashion as they completely demolished St Athan B 8-1.

League leaders Cadoxton Barry won by an usual scoreline of 10-3 as Kai Ingram notched five goals against BV. The result puts Cadoxton Barry five points clear of Vale Madrid after they drew 3-3 with BRT Dynamos, Mitchell Thomas, Cole Roberts and Joseph Hewings getting the goals for Dynamos.

Max Morgan grabbed a hat trick as Llantwit Major continued their 100 per cent record with a mammoth 8-2 win over Barry Albion; Major sit third and seven points off top with three games in hand.

Finally, Island Marine B and Rhoose B played out a 1-1 draw with Chris Scott and Liam Butcher getting the goals respectively.

This week sees Island Marine represent the league in the SWFA Senior Cup. In league action, the game of the day looks like being in division one as SP Billy play Cogan.

HD

Barry sponsor for Ysgol Bro girls' football team



NINA Estate Agents were pleased to contribute towards the costs of buying new kits for the girls' football team at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg in Barry.

One of the girls' parents, Michael Goode,

knew that the Barry estate agents are keen to support local sporting activities, so he approached Nina to see if they would be interested and they were delighted to help out.

Nina recently visited the school to see the new kit and meet the girls before a game. They must have brought them some luck, as they beat

the team from Cardiff High 5-1 in the Welsh Cup!

A spokesperson for the estate agents said: "Nina Estate Agents Ltd are thrilled to sponsor the girls at Bro Morgannwg and would like to congratulate the girls on their success with their recent victory against Cardiff High."

Good win for under-12s

COWBRIDGE RFC under-12s hosted a new opponent at the Police Fields on Sunday with Carmarthen Quins making the journey from the west.

It was a tight affair with defensive lines holding firm throughout the first half. Although with Cowbridge gaining momentum, it was the Quins who struck first, a loose ball finding the powerful winger who broke into stride and couldn't be stopped to open the score at 7-0 with the successful conversion.

However, the hosts, still recovering from their last-minute loss the week before, came back strong.

With the pack securing the ball at the breakdown, the platform was set for the backline to work the ball quickly through the hands and the in-form Jake Davies at outside centre to take the try.

With a missed conversion, the scores sat at 7-5 to the visitors.

The resurgent form of the hosts continued and the end of the first half witnessed a period of intense pressure from Cowbridge in the Quins half.

It eventually told with quick ball freeing up a superlative run from Jake Davies to again go over for the try.

The conversion from Sam Sheppard had Cowbridge at 12-7 at the half.

The second half was an equally fierce affair with both sides making probing runs and powerful defensive lines holding firm.

It was the Quins who finished the game the strongest, camped in the Cowbridge half.

However the defence was resolute and the game finished with the score as it was at the half, 12-7 to the hosts.

The good run of form continues, well done, boys.

PS

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, November 14 a full programme of league matches was completed.

Unfortunately, the Red Lion Inn was unable to field a team, so Llanharry beat the Farmers Arms 8-1 and Highwayman Inn beat the One Town Hall Square by the same score, while the Six Bells Inn beat the Edmondres C 7-2.

The closest match of the evening was at the Farmers Arms where the Edmondres A just beat the Hairy Farmers 5-4 with the last throw of the evening.

The number of 180 throws this season continued to increase with both Andy Bryan (Six Bells Inn) and Nigel Thomas (Farmers Arms) hitting 180. Another notable performance was Tim Lewis (Six Bells Inn) who hit a bull out.

Present league standings, after eight


weeks, are: Edmondres B (46 points), Llanharry and Six Bells Inn (44), Highwayman Inn (40), Hairy Farmers (39), Edmondres C (34), Edmondres A (33), Farmers Arms (29), Victoria Inn (25), One Town Hall Square (16) and Red Lion Inn (10).

Next week, Tuesday November 28, another full programme of league matches will be played. The Edmondres A hosts the Llanharry, the Farmers Arms hosts the Victoria Inn, the Edmondres C hosts the Highwayman Inn, the Six Bells Inn hosts the Hairy Farmers and the One Town Hall Square hosts the Edmondres B.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul a

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 17 17 BMW 320i D BluePerformance M Sport 4dr auto, BMW warranty March 2020, M Sport + pack, pro nav, heated seats, Bluetooth with wireless charging, 8k, full leather, choice£23995
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 13 63 BMW 520i D M Sport 4dr, M Sport Plus package, 19" alloys, sat nav, 38k, white, full leather£16995
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15 65 VW GOLF 1.4 TSI BlueMotion Tech GTE 5dr DSG, VW warranty Oct 2018, 18" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, privacy glass, 20k, silver...£21995

16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI BlueMotion Tech R 5dr, VW warranty Aug 2019, xenons, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, 12k, red...£21995

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14 64 HYUNDAI iX35 1.7 CRDI Go 5dr, pan roof, cruise, 18" alloys, heated seats, 26k, white with half-leather



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16 66 MERCEDES E220 DSE 4dr 9G-Tronic automatic, sat nav, cruise, reverse camera, parktronic, met grey, full leather



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13 62 AUDI A5 2.0 TDI SE Technik 2dr, sat nav, 18" alloys, pdc, white, full leather



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16 66 SKODA OCTAVIA 2.0 TDI SE L 5dr, Skoda warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, DAB, 7k, choice



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14 64 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCI Titanium X Business Estate Powershift auto, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, blue with full leather



£16995

15 15 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 Multijet Trailhawk 5dr automatic 4WD, sat nav, cruise, pdc, heated seats, 12k, white with full leather



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15 65 SUZUKI VITARA 1.6 SZ-T 5dr, Suzuki warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, rev camera, DAB, 14k, white



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14 64 MERCEDES GLA220 CDI AMG Line Premium Plus 5dr 7G-DCT 4Matic, pan roof, 19" alloys, reverse camera, 26k, red, half-leather



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15 65 KIA SORENTO 2.2 CRDI KX-2 AWD 5dr (7-Seater), sat nav, 18" alloys, side steps, cruise, reverse camera, heated seats, black, full leather



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16 16 NISSAN JUKE 1.2 DIG-T Tekna 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, Bluetooth, 10k, met grey



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Magnificent seven yet again for the Athletic!

FOR the second game in succession and third of the season, Bridgend Athletic crossed for seven tries in a Division 1 Central League game.

They whitewashed Kenfig Hill last Saturday and prevented Resolven crossing their line, only conceding a single penalty in a comprehensive 45-3 victory.

This brought their seasonal league points to 227 with 125 against – a healthy 102 points differential.

Resolven applied pressure from the kick off and opened the scoring after two minutes with a penalty from outside half Owen Evans.

The lead was short lived as from the restart Resolven conceded a penalty. Athletic outside half Luke Bevan found touch near the visitors' try line.

Hooker Nathan Holman found No 8 Sean Williams in the lineout. Resolven halted the drive but quick possession saw the ball move along the three quarters for Holman to pop up in the centre and drive over for the opening try on his 100th senior appearance for the club. Bevan converted.

Within three minutes full back Michael Powell gathered a high up and under deep inside his own half. He cut through the Resolven defence like a knife through butter, before presenting centre Stuart Floyd-Ellis with a run in from 22 metres out. Bevan again converted.

Co-centre Tom Jenkins then made an excellent break. Quick passing saw lock Jonathon Stoker give his partner, the Athletic

man of the match Ben Cording, a try-scoring pass.

Resolven gathered the ball from the restart and attempted a long ambitious pass inside the Athletic 22. For the second successive home game wing Robin Davies read the situation and intercepted to run 75 metres for his third try of the season. This gave the Athletic a try bonus point within 15 minutes. Bevan converted to stretch the score to 26-3.

The return of second season club captain Ben Howe, alongside experienced former five-times captain No 8 Sean Williams and twice man of match Ben Davies in his first season out of youth, has seen this trio of backrow forwards come to prominence in the last two fixtures.

Following a lineout, Howe fed Williams whose deft quick pass put Davies over in the corner for his first Athletic first team try. Bevan converted from the touchline.

Playing at a very high tempo, even the props Matt Muir and Matthew Norman were carrying at pace as they set up field position for Howe to combine with half backs Aled Thomas and Luke Bevan to release centre Tom Jenkins for his first Athletic try on the stroke of half-time.

Bevan added his fifth conversion to six first half tries to put the Athletic 40-3 ahead at half-time.

Resolven came out for the second half with five replacements from their bench and started playing with a great determination as though the score was 0-0.

The Athletic, however, sent the ball along the line and when wing Dan Howells was halted the



Ben Cording stretches across the line to score for Bridgend Athletic. ALL PICTURES BY JOHN CANNON.



Tom Jenkins evades the Resolven defence to score.

ball came back the other way where the back-row trio of Howe, Williams and Davies again combined for Davies' second try of the match.

The Athletic then emptied their bench and brought on forwards Wayne Fooks, Lee Murphy, Cameron Thomas and Jamie Doherty and scrum half Dan James.

Although the set piece scrum and lineout went well, the Athletic play against a determined and proud Resolven side that had seen successive promotions to Division 1 Central lacked the team ethic that had been so

successful in the first half.

Players started taking too many steps with the ball instead of slick passing out wide. Some of the players' intensity fell away. It is hard to criticise a seven try win, but certain players must forget their own ambitions to shine and play for the team.

Resolven came more into the game, but while the Athletic's attacking performance dipped, their defence certainly did not.

They tackled with a high intensity typified by man of the match Ben Cording, and for the

second game in a row prevented the opposition crossing their try line.

Head coach John Apsee was overall very pleased with the performance, and the coaching team admitted they would have snatched a 45-3 win with both hands prior to kick off.

He remarked the team are now playing with confidence and expressing themselves, and particularly singled out praise for relative newcomers lock Ben Cording and centre Tom Jenkins, saying: "These players are now showing a first XV mentality with great commitment and intensity both on the training field and the playing pitch."

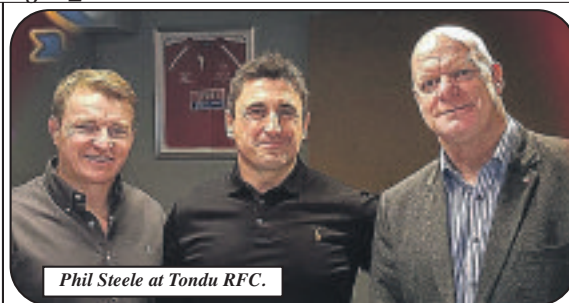
"Their performances continue to improve game on game. Flanker Ben Davies, fresh from youth and already twice a man of the match award winner, is another inspiration this season."

Team manager Paul added: "It was a tremendous first half display when more patience could have produced even more tries. With both sides using all their replacements the second half patterns of play became disrupted."

"The team now need to stay focused in training ahead of an anticipated hard game away to Aberavon Quins on December 9."

The club would like to thank Lee Byrne, who, following his book signing of *The Byrne Identity* at the Athletic clubhouse, offered to sponsor the game.

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Phil Steele at Tondur RFC.

Phil and JPR visit Tondur RFC

TELEVISION pundit Phil Steele was the guest at Tondur RFC on Friday night along with former player and Wales legend JPR Williams.

It turned out to be a very successful and enjoyable evening for all who attended, and pictured above along with Phil are Tondur chairman Graham Thomas and vice-chairman Alun Brown.

MIKE SULLY



Phil and JPR Williams.

Nathan is the latest Athletic centurion

LOYAL clubman hooker Nathan Holman became the latest Bridgend Athletic player to make 100 senior appearances for the club in the match against Resolven. Aply he crossed for the first of seven tries in the 45-3 victory (see report on the left).

Nathan has been a one-club man for over 20 years playing through all the age groups from the age of six, before some very successful youth seasons and then senior rugby.

Nathan showed great patience and loyalty when his path to the first XV was delayed by five-times club captain and hooker Simon Mustoe, turning out in 59 second XV fixtures.

Now he is one of the first names on the first XV team sheet and was very proud to captain the first XV against Bonymaen and Seven Sisters this season when Ben Howe and Aled Thomas were both unavailable.

In his first season, 2007-2008, in the Athletic youth, Nathan was substitute hooker to Scott Baldwin in the Webb Ellis Youth Cup final, coming off the bench in the win over Whitland at the Millennium Stadium.

Rhys Webb also joined him on the bench that day and came on. The following season, 2008-2009, Nathan was the number one youth team hooker and played under captain Ben Howe in the team that achieved the Welsh Youth Cup and Welsh League winners double, defeating



Nathan Holman.

Whitland and Merthyr in the respective finals at the Millennium Stadium. The team were unbeaten that season.

Also in that season's squad were Matthew Morgan, Tom Habberfield, Lloyd Evans, Luke Morgan and Lloyd Peers (Ashley).

Nathan's props were Rhodri Apsee and Lewis Davies with Matthew Norman a substitute.

Current or recent Athletic players that season included Aled Thomas, Luke Yardley, Tom Morgan, Michael Hathaway and Rhys Ward Jones.

While in the youth team Nathan also represented Pencoe College, who defeated Coleg Sir Gar in the Welsh Colleges Cup final at St Helens, Swansea.

Following youth team

rugby Nathan captained the second XV for a few seasons, also winning the second XV player of the year award.

He has now made 41 first XV appearances and has 22 tries and 110 points at senior level. This is quite remarkable for a front row forward and shows his mobility around the field as well as the ability to guide a driving maul over the try line.

Recently he showed his club commitment to help the Ath in a prop crisis by turning out in that position against Kenfig Hill.

Along with Matt Muir and Lee Murphy he helped the club secure two tries with heels against the head directly leading to two Athletic tries, including a pushover try.

His next target is to better his father Ian's 183 senior appearances for the Athletic. Prop Ian, another club stalwart, even turned out on one occasion this season to help the second XV win a Plate Cup tie against Brackla. He would also like to see the Athletic back in the Championship. AB

Athletic youth stay unbeaten

UNBEATEN Bridgend Athletic Youth top their division of the Ospreys league with four bonus points wins in each fixture to date this season, as they look to defend their Ospreys champions title.

In a slightly flattering 34-13 scoreline they defeated determined opponents Kenfig Hill – the superior Athletic back division and more clinical finishing allied to solid Athletic defence deciding the outcome.

The Mules' pack were wound up for the game and launched themselves at the Athletic 8 from the off, a last-ditch tackle and steal by Athletic captain and flanker Joe Grabham preventing the home side crossing under the sticks.

The Athletic set piece was strong with solid scrummaging from front row forwards Chris Crumpton, Thomas Zielinski and Morgan Clemett, while Will Barraclough ruled the line out.

From a set piece the ball was moved along the backline where Dan O'Sullivan timed a pass to perfection to release fellow centre

Joe Patterson.

Patterson showed great determination and pace to outflank the covering defence to cross wide out. Scrum half Matthew Hobby converted from the touchline and then added a well-struck penalty to give the Athletic a 10-0 advantage.

Although evenly matched possession wise and territorially, the quality of the Athletic backs started to shine through.

Patterson again showed his class with a virtual carbon copy of his first try to give the Athletic a 15-0 half-time lead. Both sides finished the half with 14 players as the game boiled over into a mass brawl and a forward from each side was dismissed.

In the second half the game opened with both sides giving the ball more air. Penalties were exchanged before aggressive straight running from the home side paid dividends with their first try to reduce their deficit to 8-18.

The Athletic's response was two quick tries. The first from a midfield break saw stand-in scrum half Cameron Lewis break blind and feed full back Levi Hallett who sidestepped his way past

many defenders to cross the whitewash.

Then some forward drives saw Barraclough, when halted just short of the try line, offload to Tom Zielinski to crash over.

With a 28-8 cushion the Athletic started playing more relaxed rugby. Deep inside their own half, good carries by Grabham and Clemett set up the opportunity for Hobby to release the backs.

Good passing saw the ball reach the dangerous centre Patterson who galloped over from 40 metres for his well-deserved try hat-trick. From the last play strong running around the sides of a ruck saw the home side cross to make the final score Kenfig Hill 13, Bridgend Athletic 34.

Athletic head coach Lee Grabham said: "It was a hard-earned victory despite the first scoreline. It would be great if Athletic supporters could turn out this Saturday at 1pm at Newbridge Fields to encourage the boys against fellow undefeated side Pontardulais. This could be a vital game in determining the Ospreys A league champions this season."

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FRUSTRATION FOR WALES AS GEORGIA MAKE THEIR CASE TO JOIN TOP TABLE NATIONS

by PHILIP IRWIN

IT was all going so well for Wales in this game – the ‘easy’ one of the four autumn internationals.

Twenty minutes into the game, my main concern was how to use ‘two Rhys’s’ or ‘Rhys double’ in a headline.

Rhys Webb was back from injury, looking sharp as a knife. After only four minutes he cut through the Georgian defence, and he continued in that vein.

Meanwhile, Rhys Priestland was proving that his time in Bath has revived his career. He was incisive and directed all of Wales’ attacks.

That unpleasant period when the Welsh crowd (for reasons I still can’t grasp) had turned against him was confined to history.

He kicked an early penalty, and then gave a sharp inside pass to Cuthbert, who probably should have scored, but who was denied by a tackle from the Georgian scrum half, Lobzhanidze, that stopped him grounding the ball.

It mattered little, because soon after Priestland worked a run-around with centre Owen Watkin and threw a long pass to Hallam Amos, who strolled over in the corner. Priestland’s conversion made it 10-0.

After 23 minutes, Wales scored a great try. Nicky Smith contested possession in a maul, and the ball popped out. Prop Leon Brown and number eight Seb Davies appreciated that the backs needed it quickly, and then Priestland and Scott Williams transferred the ball to Hallam Amos, who raced 70 metres to score.

Amid the celebrations, it took a while to register that referee Mathieu Rayland had asked TMO Leo Colgan to have a look at it, in particular the moment when the ball popped free.

This seemed harsh. It could be argued that as both forwards had a hand on the ball, it could just as easily have gone backward from a Georgian hand as forward from Smith’s.

I can’t help feeling that in the days before TMOs, a referee would never have disallowed such a fine effort. Indeed, on the same day when Scotland played New Zealand, the All Blacks scored one terrific breakaway try that, in its very early stages, had a possibly forward pass. In this case, no reference to the TMO took place, and my gut feeling is that it was just decision.

Cast your minds back to 1973, that Gareth Edwards try against the All Blacks. Would a TMO have got finicky about the pass from Quinnell to Edwards? It doesn’t bear thinking about.

Anyway, back to the game, because sadly it was all downhill from then for Wales.

They were penalised at the very next scrum and Matiashvili kicked a penalty to make it 10-3.

The Georgians then had a good 10 minutes. Their attack may have been a touch pedestrian, but left wing Miriani Modebadze caused a few flutters when he beat two men to spark a dangerous attack. Cuthbert did well to get back to minor the kick ahead.

Just before half time there was time for Wales to decline a kickable penalty (well, it was going well at that point) and two minutes later Scott Williams went for the long pass when drawing his man and



Georgia made their case for inclusion in the Six Nations

passing would probably have done the trick.

So, 10-3 at half time was not what it could have been, but it’s doubtful if anyone in the crowd was worried. That was certainly the gist of the half time interview between the BBC’s Ross Harries and Wales hooker Ken Owens, who was rested for this game.

Ross said: “Can Wales, after 20 minutes of the second half, exploit the Georgians’ lack of fitness and tiredness from all the defending they are having to do?”

Ken agreed, although perhaps he was just being polite. He could have said that many of the Georgian pack, in particular, were playing serious rugby in France and England, and even if they were tired, they were able to use substitutes.

It’s likely that the crowd felt the same, and I wonder if that feeling can transfer from the terraces to the field. I’m quite sure that Gatland and Shaun Edwards emphasised how much work was still to be done, but in the end the second half belonged to Georgia.

Eight minutes into the half, the Welsh scrum were in trouble and conceded a penalty, making it 10-6.

What’s more, referee Rayland called Wales captain Dan Lydiate over and told him that in his opinion, Georgia were the dominant scrum, and barring attempts to con him, any future scrum collapses would see Wales penalised.

Wales responded by immediately changing both props. Wyn Jones and Tomas Francis came on for Nicky Smith and Leon Brown – forcing Mr Rayland to re-assess the situation.

By coincidence, it later transpired that Brown’s legs were cramping up – but more of that later.

On the 60-minute mark, Priestland kicked a penalty to get Wales to 13-6, but Georgia were in the ascendancy, and it needed resolute defence to keep them out.

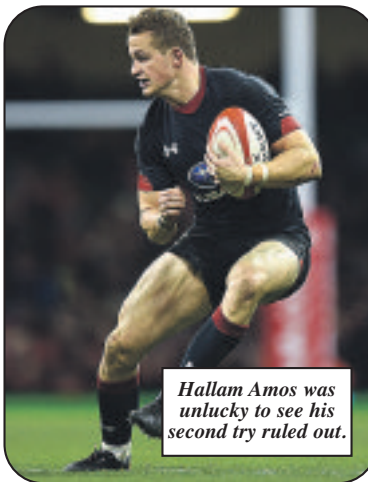
What’s more, it seemed a matter of time before a Welsh scrum infringement might bring a yellow card – although Wales did produce one drive at the scrum that earned them a penalty – cue massive congratulations all round.

However, that yellow card did come, but not from a scrum. Tomas Francis charged in to a ruck and referee Mayland sent him off. Time was nearly up, and this led to chaos, which has been much debated over recent days.

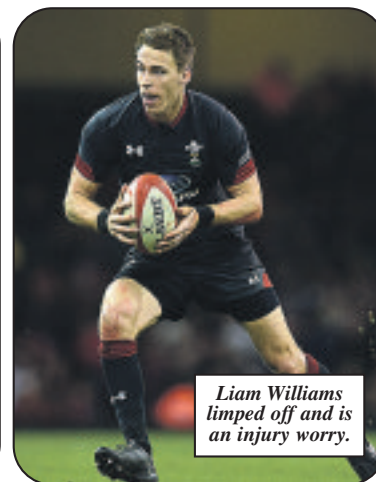
Georgia declined to kick the penalty, but wanted



Wales try a line out catch and drive with Kristian Dacey in possession at the tail. ALL PICTURES BY HUW EVANS AGENCY.



Hallam Amos was unlucky to see his second try ruled out.



Liam Williams limped off and is an injury worry.

a scrum against the depleted Welsh pack. However, for that to happen, Wales needed to bring back one of the previously substituted props. Brown and Smith appeared on the touchline, but then a Welsh official explained to the referee that they were both injured. Brown’s cramps were still cramping, and Smith had been kicked on the calf.

Wales offered hooker Kristian Dacey, and uncontested scrums. At this point, Georgia were not happy, and changed their mind, going for a kick to the corner instead of a scrum – trying for a catch and drive instead.

Afterwards, there was some discussion about whether they were allowed to do this, but it was all a bit chaotic.

Georgia caught the ball at the line out, but Wales were able to repel the drive. A few phases later,

Georgia were penalised and Wales celebrated their 13-6 win.

A number of old hands, Martyn Williams and Xavier Rush in the forefront, described it as a very poor spectacle. However Warren Gatland will have learned some useful things – relating to how his young players cope with pressure.

One assumes that familiar faces will be back for next Saturday’s clash with the All Blacks – who looked both brilliant and vulnerable against a promising Scotland who played a high tempo game.

High tempo was not a description that could be applied to Wales v Georgia, but for the strong men from eastern Europe, it was mission accomplished.

They made their case for more top international games. It is hard to see how the Six Nations can remain Six for much longer.



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